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## Bridgend County Borough Council reports mixed bag of A-Level results



Porthcawl Comp pupils celebrate - see more from schools in the area on pages 4 and 5.

**SOME 99 per cent of pupils in Bridgend County Borough schools picked up at least two A Levels, which, noted a spokesperson, compares favourably to the all-Wales figure of 97.4 per cent.**

However, according to information supplied by BCBC, of all the grades achieved by local pupils this year, 20 per cent were A\* to A (less than the Welsh average of 26.3 per cent), 74.2 per cent were A\* - C (again, less than the Welsh average of 76.3 per cent).

The percentage passing at A\* - E was, at 98.3 per cent, better than the Welsh average 97.4 per cent.

There were improvements in Welsh Baccalaureate results, where performances in the Advanced Skills Certificate were well above the all-Wales averages.

For the Welsh Baccalaureate, 26.8 per cent of the grades in Bridgend County Borough were A\* - A (Welsh average 21.5 per cent) while 99.4 per cent of local grades were A\* - E (Welsh average 97.7 per cent).

AS Level results were stronger in the county borough, where 22 per cent of grades were A\* - A (Welsh average 20.4 per cent), 70 per cent were A\* - C (Welsh average 61.9 per cent) and 95.1 per cent were A\* - E (Welsh average 90 per cent).

## Warm tributes are paid to local referee Ron Preece

by GEM REPORTER  
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**WARM tributes have been paid to local football referee Ron Preece, who died last week at the age of 60.**

At a meeting of Bridgend and District League on August 14, league and club officials held a minute's silence in memory of him.

His dedication to local football is illustrated by the fact he had often refereed up to three matches in a day.

Ron was originally from the north of England and his close friend Lee Davies said: "He was a big Leeds United, Yorkshire Cricket and Leeds

Rhinos supporter. He was 100 per cent dedicated to where he was from. "He will totally missed by his family and me. He will also be missed by those in football and life in general." Lee said that when Wales were playing England the banter would be going back and forth between them: "It's one of the things I will really miss," he said.

Ron Preece.

Ron managed to fit in numerous refereeing commitments around his work in the stores department at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Derek Williams, the current chairman of Bridgend & District League, was the chairman of Caerau Boys Club 30 years ago when he first met Ron.

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## Village produce on show in Coychurch



ONCE again, it was another excellent, well attended Coychurch Garden Society Show on August 11 in the Williams Memorial Hall, Coychurch, with over 330 entries and many contestants.

Despite the heatwave, followed by cool wet weather, there was an excellent display of flowers and floral arrangements, and the vegetable section was excellent.

As always the domestic section was highly fought over and new categories of homemade bread, three-egg Victoria Sandwich, shortbread and cheese biscuits were well received.

The photography section goes from strength to strength with many entrants and the new category of creative writing was very well-supported. The children's section, supported by the school, was excellent.

For the first time many people donated their goods towards an auction at the end of the afternoon, and lots of fun was had with over £140 raised. Many thanks to those who purchased and



Doug Page (left) receives a trophy from Colin Butler.

to Sarah and Deryn who managed the auction.

Below is the list of winners on the day. Well done everyone!

### Annual trophies

Percy Withers Cup, Best in show Vegetables: Doug Page.

Award Evans Cup, Best in Show Flowers: Paula Wilson.

Coychurch Cup, Best in Show Pot Plant Foliage: Myra Nash.

Community Council Cup, Best in Show Pot Plant Flowering: Claire Martin.

Sheila Clark Rose Bowl,

Best in Show Domestic: Jan Gosney.

Mary McHardy Rose Bowl, Best in Show Flower Arranging: Janet Owen.

Ron and Lillian Moon Rose Bowl, Best in Show Arts and Crafts: Christine Bowen.

Tom Gosney Memorial Shield: Jan Gosney.

Cliff Hunt Cup, Best in Show Overall Points: Doug Page.

The Claire Cuthbert Memorial Award, Children's Classes Nancy: Jo-Jo Wald.

Gwyn John from Llantwit Major

## Better access planned for Tondy church

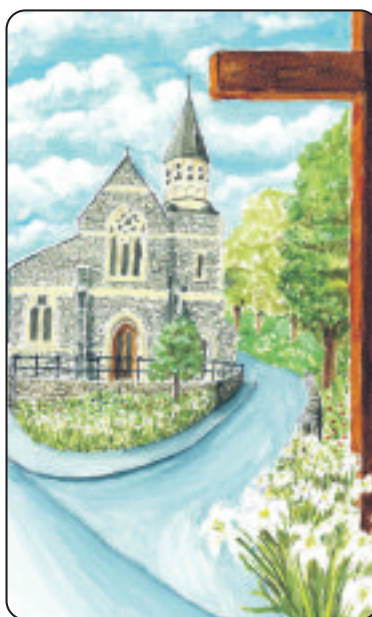
**FUNDING** of £2,920 has been awarded towards plans for improving access to the Wesley Church Centre in Tondy.

Awarded by Bridgend County Borough Council's Reach Rural Development team via their Thriving Rural Communities Fund, the money will pay for a landscape architect to produce plans for extra parking spaces, better access to the entrance, as well as some landscaping work ahead of further funding applications.

Cllr Charles Smith, the BCBC's cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "The Reach team was pleased to support this project as the centre is a bit of a hidden gem."

"The centre has been recently renovated, and the volunteers who run it wanted to make some landscaping improvements so that the building can become more visible from the A4063."

"With parking also having previously been identified as a problem, the new spaces will make the centre more accessible and encourage greater use of the facility which is capable of hosting a range of events."



An artist's impression of the improvements planned for the Wesley Church Centre in Tondy.

The project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government. There are 21 rural wards in Bridgend County Borough that are eligible for rural development funding. If you have ideas for your rural community that you would like to develop, visit [www.bridgendreach.org.uk](http://www.bridgendreach.org.uk)

## Warm tributes are paid to Ron

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Derek said: "He was very well respected and I saw him on numerous times over the years."

"Not only did he referee in the Bridgend league, he officiated in the Port Talbot league and Sunday league matches too."

The vice-chairman of Bridgend and District League, Gary Warner, described Ron as a "huge stalwart" of local football.

He said: "I knew him for 25 years – first as a footballer and then when he turned to refereeing. He would sometimes ref three matches in a day. He was a huge stalwart of Bridgend League for over 20 years."

"As a person he was a lovely guy, very approachable and always willing to help you out. He was a very good referee and part of the furniture as far as we were concerned – it's a very sad loss."

Gwyn John from Llantwit Major

said he had had great respect for Ron, who refereed in the South Wales FA Youth League, in the Sunday League and on Saturday afternoons too.

He said: "Ron was a smashing guy and was someone who was prepared to turn out at any time to referee a match. Without referees, you can't have football matches. If I gave Ron a ring and said 'Can you ref a match tomorrow?' he'd say 'I'll have a look in my diary'."

"If he was free, he'd say 'What time is the kick-off?' and you'd know he would be there. He was as good as gold."

On social media one footballer commented: "Had the pleasure of being refed by RP and he also refed my dad and he was a great guy to be around... fantastic role model in the Bridgend community also."

The funeral takes place today Thursday, August 23, at Coychurch Crematorium at 11am.

## Councillors' plea on local anti-social issues

**TWO local councillors in Bridgend are urging residents to contact the police over anti-social drinking issues as soon as they become aware of them to ensure officers have "live information" which they can act on straight away.**

Residents say young people drinking on green spaces and parks such as the Penybont Primary School interfield has long been a problem with teenagers leaving behind cans and bottles. On a recent litter pick volunteers found a discarded needle as well.

Ward county councillors Nicole Burnett and Stuart Baldwin said: "We do get regular complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour in various parts of the Morfa Ward, including Bridgend town centre."

"Often it is a congregation of young people, drinking alcohol

on green spaces and parks.

"This has been happening for many years and is not a new problem and mostly it is harmless, however, things can get out of hand."

Cllr Burnett added:

"We have excellent neighbourhood policing teams, who patrol regular hotspots, but they can't be everywhere at the same time, so if any residents are concerned then I urge them to phone 101."

"Often a quiet word from an officer can help prevent trouble escalating and the police really need live information, rather than complaints after the event."

While the Penybont interfield is owned by the school, it is never used by the school children in term time due to the lack of a secure boundary fence.

The school has other playing fields within its grounds which it does use.

**Liz Bradfield**  
Local democracy reporter

## Bridgend Quiz League teasers

**COMEDIAN Barry Elliot died recently, by what name was he better known?**

The island of Zanzibar is part of which country?

Which spy novelist wrote 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'?

If anyone is interested

1. Barry Chuckle  
2. Tanzania  
3. Ian Fleming

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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24 Fri	06.14	8.7	18.32	8.9
25 Sat	06.53	9.1	19.09	9.3
26 Sun	07.26	9.3	19.42	9.5
27 Mon	07.58	9.6	20.14	9.7
28 Tues	08.31	9.6	20.46	9.7
29 Wed	09.03	9.7	21.19	9.6
30 Thur	09.33	9.4	21.52	9.5

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## After nearly three weeks, the travellers leave Coity

**TRAVELLERS** who were encamped on Bridgend County Borough Council land on Simonston Road in Coity, and were served with a notice to quit, left the site on August 18.

There were two caravans, a small tent, and a number of vehicles on the small plot.

Their presence was reported to BCBC by, among others, Cllr Amanda Williams, who represents Coity on the borough council and at community council level.

The GEM put a number of questions to BCBC about the encampment, any action being taken by BCBC, and any costs incurred.

The initial response was a brief: "The council is aware of the travellers' camp and is currently taking action."

Speaking to The GEM before the travellers broke camp, Cllr Williams said: "Like all residents of Coity, I am concerned about the illegal traveller camp at Heol Simonston and the delay in any action being taken."

"I have referred the matter to BCBC officers and the police. I



A large amount of refuse was left at the site, although it is not clear by whom. It was removed on August 20.

understand that other residents and the community council have also reported the matter on numerous occasions, but I am extremely disappointed that no action appears to have been taken."

She said that she had received reports of antisocial behaviour such as toileting in the field and dogs barking at passers by.

"People are actively avoiding the area," said Cllr Williams.

She added: "Residents

are particularly irritated by reports that in times of service cuts and the new stringent re-cycling regime, BCBC are collecting rubbish from this illegal site three times a week."

On this point, the BCBC spokesperson later said: "The travellers have been putting some bags of litter out on the main road and our litter teams (for public bins, not Kier) have been picking these up when passing."

Cllr Williams said that

as well as BCBC taking swift action, she wants to the council develop "... an enduring solution, working with the traveller community, to ensure these incidents no longer occur and to provide facilities in the borough for such groups."

She added: In this day and age I don't think it's acceptable for people, including children, to have no alternative but to use a field for the toilet."

The GEM was shown an email from BCBC in response to Cllr Williams' referral. In it was stated confirmation that a notice has been served on the travellers, who are being represented by an independent advocacy service, in accordance with Section 77 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to vacate the area.

The statement from the council officer continued: "I understand that... [the travellers] are apparently here to attend a festival taking place this weekend."

The statement continued: "Our litigation lawyer has advised [the travellers] advocate [BCBC] has tolerated the unauthorised encampment for a short period and cannot exercise any further tolerance."

It concluded: "As such, the notice stands and [the travellers] have been advised that failure to comply with the notice will result in [BCBC] issuing court proceedings."

Cllr Williams said: "The longer the camp remains the longer the problem persists and there is now a real concern that it may expand into adjacent fields."

"A similar camp was set up at the eastern end of Coity by-pass. That time the excuse was that because it was on private land, BCBC's hands were tied. This time BCBC has confirmed that it is on their land so there are no excuses."

## Pen-y-Fai's Festival of Remembrance

A memorial stone has recently been installed at All Saints' Church.

THE parishioners of All Saints' Church, together with the members of Smyrna Chapel, both of Heol Eglwys, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, plan to hold a special Festival of Remembrance from November 10-18.

The church and chapel will be open for the Festival on November 10-11 with an All Saints Remembrance Service and memorial dedication on November 11.

Retired Bishop David Yeoman has expressed a wish to dedicate the new memorial which has been donated by Stephen, Andrew and Ryan, directors of Penybont Funeral Services and Penybont Monumental Masons, to whom Rev Anthony Beer, the church congregation and wider community members express their gratitude.

The memorial stone has recently been installed and has long been the wish of parishioners of All Saints' Church that a war memorial, recording the names of the dead from both world wars, be placed in the church yard due to the absence of one in Pen-y-Fai village.

From November 12

for six days, the church will be open for a few hours each day to enable the school and nursery children to visit. On November 18, a Festival Holy Eucharist Family Service will be led by the children, to which Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts and Cubs groups will be invited. The festival will be inclusive and ecumenical with all associated with the village invited to participate. Members of the WI have already knitted and crocheted more than 400 poppies to be displayed in a 'weeping' installation from the church pulpit. They also plan to sow Flanders Poppy seeds in the village.

The 100th anniversary of the formation of the RAF and that of women gaining the vote will also be remembered.

JENNIFER MORGAN

### PACT Meetings

LLANGEINOR PACT public meeting at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor on Wednesday, August 29 at 5.30pm.

Bettws PACT public meeting at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, September 6 at 2pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon, Castle Street, Maesteg on Thursday, September 13 at 6pm.

Ynysawdre PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Wednesday, September 12 at 6.30pm.

Caerau PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, September 24 at 6pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, September 3 at 7pm.



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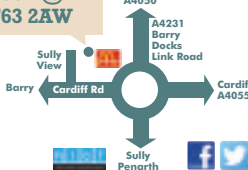
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# Pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive are delighted with A-Level results



**PORHCRAWL Comprehensive School is hailing its latest set of A-Level results as "outstanding" – with 14 pupils notching up three A/A\* grades or better.**

A school spokesperson said: "This year 127 students sat 271 qualifications. The most remarkable fact is the excellent quality of the A-Level results; the pass rate (A\* to E) was a fantastic 99 per cent, with 32.5 per cent A/A\*."

"Students at AS and A2 have had their endeavour rewarded with excellent results. There is a large debt of gratitude for teachers who have worked so hard once again this year and for parents who have supported their sons and daughters. Excellent results truly reflect the effective partnership between a school, its learners and the support from home."

"There were several standout performers who have done exceptionally well. The following students have achieved 3 As or better: Jack Davies, Harry Evans, James Evans-Jones, Bronty Freeman, Hannah Jenkins, Chloe Green, Laurence Hunt, Katie John, Lois John, Olivia Lewis, Rhys Lewis, Tara Phillips, Maksym Randall, Josi Williams and Anushruti Yadav."

"Jack, Harry and Anushruti are all off to study Medicine. Interestingly Laurence Hunt will follow his sister to Cambridge. Alex is reading veterinary science in Pembroke College and her younger brother will study medicine at Magdalene



College. "Finally, best wishes to our deputy head boy James Evans-Jones; with his talent we will see him on stage and screen."

Headteacher Mr Slade commented that this excellent series of results will ensure Porthcawl students secure places at some of the best universities in the country.

Mr Slade congratulated staff and students who were praised for their hard work and steadfast dedication. Mr Slade

concluded that the results were especially impressive given the large size of the entry; with almost 1,000 papers being sat at A Level.

The following departments did particularly well with A\* to C above 75 per cent: travel and tourism, biology, chemistry, physics, maths, computing, business, art, history, English, media studies, Welsh, French, geography, drama, further maths, Welsh Baccalaureate and music.



## Brynteg School celebrates another year of outstanding results

**BRYNTEG School is celebrating what a spokesperson described as "... another year of outstanding results across the board with a significant number of pupils achieving A grades in all of their subjects."**

This included two pupils – Joe Davies and Dylan Parry – who achieved A\*

grades in all the subjects they studied.

The spokesperson continued: "Performance in BTEC qualifications was just as strong with a large number of pupils achieving a Distinction grade in the Diploma/Subsidiary qualification."

Ryan Davies, the school's headteacher, added: "While it is important to recognise the performance of pupils at the highest grades, we are equally proud of those

pupils who have achieved well at other grades and who, in many cases, have achieved well above their predicted level.

"These pupils also deserve congratulations."

Mr Davies expressed his thanks to the school's staff, and to the parents and carers of the pupils, before wishing the pupils well for their futures.

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## St Clare's students celebrate excellent A-Level results

*Pupils at St Clare's School, in Porthcawl celebrate A Level results.*



**SIXTH Form students from St Clare's School, Porthcawl, are celebrating another year of excellent A-Level results.**

A school spokeswoman said: "A superb 78 per cent of grades achieved were A\* to B, compared to 52 per cent nationally, while 16 per cent were A\* – almost double the national results."

Straight A students were Freya Harding and Megan Greenwood who have confirmed places at top destinations. Megan, the deputy head prefect, gained an A\* in biology and an A in maths and chemistry and has accepted a place at Cardiff University to read dentistry.

Freya, a senior prefect,

gained an A\* in History and French and an A in Spanish and will study Spanish and Italian at St Andrews.

Head student Hannah Hart achieved an A\* in art and B in Spanish and psychology and has accepted a place at Exeter University to read modern foreign languages (Spanish and Italian). Hannah has been a pupil at St Clare's since nursery and her mother and grandmother also attended the independent school.

Helen Hier, head of St Clare's School, said: "We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and it is a pleasure to celebrate with them today after all their hard work."

"We are delighted to hear that so many students have secured

places at their first-choice universities, to read competitive subjects such as dentistry, chemical engineering and Law. We wish them every success in their continued studies and future careers."

The 2018 A-Level grades build on the excellent results seen in previous years and continue the theme with a 100 per cent pass rate for five consecutive years.

This year, 40.5 per cent of grades were at A\*-A, 78.4 per cent at A\*-B and 92 per cent at A\*-C, compared to the national average of 26.3 per cent, 52 per cent and 76.3 per cent respectively. A school spokeswoman said: "The majority of St Clare's students gained a place to study at their first-choice university, including top leaver destinations Cardiff, St Andrews, Exeter and Loughborough."

## A Mansion House tour for Mynydd Cynffig WI

**ON August 14, Mynydd Cynffig WI had their annual summer outing in weather that was not too hot or too wet.**

First stop was St Fagan's, where an enjoyable morning was spent visiting the exhibitions. St Teilo's church was particularly enjoyed by members. They moved on to Gwalia Stores to buy strawberry jam and to the baker for freshly baked loaves and scones. After a visit to the cafe for coffee, they visited the shop before boarding the bus to the

Mansion House, Cardiff for afternoon tea and a tour of the house.

One of the ladies was accompanied by her guide dog, Buddy which came along and was as good as gold.

Our guide told members about the history of the house and its artefacts. Everyone was enthralled with his stories about the dignitaries who visited and stayed at the house over the years.

The gifts which have been given to the Mansion House and the stories behind them had everyone spellbound.

**CHRISTINE CALLAGHAN**

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## Increase in A-Level grades for Pencoed Comprehensive



**THE 60 year-13 pupils of Pencoed Comprehensive School are celebrating their A-Level results, which showed an increase compared to 2017 in the percentage of pupils gaining 3 A\*-C grades (including the WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate).**

All pupils entered for two or more qualifications passed the L3 threshold with 93 per cent of pupils gaining the Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate.

A school spokesperson made particular note of some individual successes:

Gabrielle David A (biology) B (chemistry)

B (maths) B (physics) A (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Gabrielle will study biology at Bristol University.

Jenna Dyckoff A\* (drama) B (geography) A (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Jenna will study acting-musicianship at the University of West London.

Mack Gibbons A\* (maths) A (maths) A\* (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Mack will study theoretical physics at Birmingham University.

Jasmine Greene A\* (media, film and TV studies) A (biology) B (English) A\* (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Jasmine will study journalism at Cardiff University.

Shannon Price A (biology) A (chemistry)

A (maths) A\* (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Shannon will study medicine at Cardiff University.

Charlotte Costelow A (Law) B (business studies) B (RE) A (WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate) Charlotte will study Law at Cardiff University.

The spokesperson continued: "Additional congratulations go to our year-12 pupils on gaining some excellent AS results; 19.4 per cent of the AS results were at A grade.

"They are well placed to continue their studies into year-13 with an encouraging number gaining A/B grades."

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## Cosmology Corner: September Planet Watch

**AS we move towards September, Venus is the very bright evening star, very low down in the south-west; the less bright Jupiter is nearby, a little above.**

On September 12, the new crescent moon is with Jupiter and Venus after sunset with Venus just below the moon, a lovely sight. The following night the moon is nearer Jupiter. Saturn is in the evening sky too, fairly low down in the south soon after sunset and, on the evening of September 17, the moon is close to the ringed planet.

After its close encounter with Earth at the end of July, Mars is waning but still shines brightly in the evening sky, setting around midnight.

Talking of Mars... regular readers of this feature may be forgiven for thinking that I've just about done it to death in previous issues. Well, I'd pretty much thought the same but, just a few short weeks ago, along came another exciting revelation with the discovery of liquid water on the red planet!

"Not again," we may well say. It seems like every couple of years we hear about a new water-related finding on the planet's surface.

Until now, however, these have all been about ice, the possibility of temporary surface runs and evidence of large amounts of surface water, long gone, in Mars' ancient past.

Now, on July 25, the European Space Agency (ESA) announced their finding of evidence for a liquid water lake about 1.5km below a thick layer of frozen ice at the planet's south pole.

Similar lakes have been found below thick ice at the Earth's poles, one example being Lake Vostok in Antarctica.

Theory suggests that pockets of water may exist on Mars deep below the surface where temperatures are a little warmer and the water salty enough to remain a liquid.

ESA's Mars Express spacecraft appears to have found such a sub-surface lake on our planetary neighbour. Using the same ground-penetrating radar technology that geologists use to find oil and mineral deposits on Earth, scientists observed a bright radar reflection which is consistent with what would be expected from underground liquid water.

Why is this find exciting? It is a well-known fact that, wherever we find liquid water on earth, we find life. So called 'extremophiles' thrive at boiling point in bubbling volcanic springs and geysers and also in the three times higher temperatures found in thermal vents on the ocean floor.

At the other end of the temperature scale, there is abundant life in the frigid polar seas and, more interestingly from the point of view of this new finding on Mars, bacteria have been found quite happily existing in Earth's sub-glacial lakes.

So, water has again been found on Mars. But this time it's different – an actual underground lake. If confirmed, this could be the first of perhaps many bodies of liquid water to be found on what is otherwise a very dry planet.

NORMAN LLOYD

## LE-JOG GRAND TOUR BEGINS IN PENCOED

**ON August 20, at age 86.5, Lawrence Brophy set off from Pencoed with the aim of cycling to Lands End and then to John O'Groats becoming – according to Mr Brophy – "as far as Guinness Book of Records seems aware, the oldest man ever to do so".**

He said: "If all is well, I will cycle back to Pencoed and will have cycled the LE to JOG route both ways in one trip, a journey of some 1,800 miles.

"This may have never been done before.

"On the return journey through Scotland I shall have the option, if health and well-being allow, of taking a ferry to NI and doing a loop there to make the journey a Grand Tour of Great Britain of some 2,000 miles, possibly comparable to the Tour de France."

Mr Brophy dismissed as "cossetted" the professional athletes that



Lawrence Brophy.

take part in the Tour de France, saying: "Unlike the cossetted riders of 'Le Tour', I will be unaccompanied and unsupported, (but GPS-tracked by friends and relatives), and will rough-sleep as much as possible.

"This is because B&Bs would slow me down."

He said that he is raising funds for the University of the Third

Age, adding: "... if there is one demographic that accepts how tough elderly people can be it is other elderly people."

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If any GEM reader knows of anyone else who has cycled the Pencoed-Land's End-John O'Groats – Pencoed route before, please write to editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk.

## Kerala YMCA's plea for help from Porthcawl

**THE YMCA in Porthcawl has started an emergency fund for a twin branch that has been caught up in the catastrophic flooding in Kerala.**

John Berry, the president of the Porthcawl YMCA in John Street, told The GEM: "We have received an email from our colleague Dr Reji Varghese, director of YMCA Chenannur, Kerala, India.

"They are in the middle of the worst part of the floods and have turned the YMCA auditorium into a relief camp.

"They are housing 100 families there, which amounts to 350 people.

"Porthcawl YMCA has set up a donation centre to assist this project – every penny donated will go direct to the relief project.

"Donations can be made by post or by dropping in to Porthcawl YMCA, 25 John Street, Porthcawl CF36 3AP."



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# National Eisteddfod visitors are offered a rare tour around Wales' national soap!



ABOVE: A Pobol y Cwm welcome to the studios.



WHEN Cardiff Bay recently hosted the Welsh National Eisteddfod, S4C decided to mark the occasion by offering a rare tour around the Porth Teigr studios that are home to the Welsh language drama, *Pobol y Cwm*.

GEM photographer Glyn Evans took the chance to look around...

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## Justin's sponsored activities for charity

**JUSTIN Hostettler-Davies of Bridgend has been raising funds and awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association ever since his childhood friend was diagnosed with the disease in 2011.**

Mr Hostettler-Davies has walked non-stop the Wales Coastal path, cycled from John O'Groats to Land' End, climbed the five peaks of Eire, Northern Ireland and Scotland, Wales and England (in three days), kayaked the three longest lakes in mainland UK (with a marathon-length walk in between) and walked non-stop between

Llanelli and Newport visiting the main Wales RFC clubs along the way.

This bank holiday weekend, he and a team of more 30 cyclists intend to cycle from Llandudno to Bridgend in three days while climbing the three highest peaks in Wales.

Mr Hostettler-Davies hopes to break the £100,000 barrier with the fundraising from this event but is also keen to raise awareness of MND along the way.

Mr Hostettler-Davies said: "I am doing this in memory of my good friend Gareth who passed away back in 2013 and so that, hopefully, one day no one else will have to suffer in a similar way."

## Remembrance festival in town

**THERE will be a Festival of Remembrance at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major, on Saturday, August 25, starting at 7pm.**

The event will raise funds for the Royal British Legion and will include performances from local musicians during the first part of the evening. The evening will be an Act of Remembrance in the dramatic setting of St Illtud's Church.

Tickets (£6) will be available on the door. Further details from the Parish Office on 01446 792439.



The buildings are brick-built – not just wooden facades!



## Windmill Lane rumpus could be investigated by Football Association

**LLANTWIT Major's Welsh League Division One clash against Penybont at Windmill Lane on Saturday ended in an unpleasant series of scuffles on the pitch and along the touchline.**

Welsh football chiefs are likely to launch an investigation into what caused the problems and who was responsible. A bad-tempered match, which pitted newly-promoted Llantwit against highly-rated Penybont, ended in a 0-0 draw, but included five red cards.

There were problems along the touchline during play and when the final whistle went there were acrimonious scenes with pushing and shoving, and scuffles both on and off the pitch.

Welsh League secretary Ken Tucker said the Football Association of Wales might lead an investigation into what happened. "Initially the referee is going to have to submit his report.

"When it arrives, we will launch an investigation, but this one will probably go to the FAW.

"If it's a major case the FAW will take over the investigation.

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"We have our rulebook and can investigate anything within that book. Anything outside that with regard to behaviour comes under the remit of the FAW."

A short film which showed some of the controversial moments was uploaded onto social media platforms and has been viewed by thousands of people.

Llantwit Major AFC issued an official statement saying it wanted to express its "sincere disappointment surrounding the incidents that took place during the weekend's fixture with Penybont and subsequent footage that has been widely circulated on social media..."

The statement went on: "Following the previous

season's successes in which the club was acknowledged and praised by the FAW for achieving 'Tier 2' criteria to continue playing at our Windmill Lane ground, we are extremely disappointed that for a club which prides itself on our strong community foundation, we now seemingly find ourselves in a position where the club's reputation has been brought into dispute.

"The club has been proactive in initiating an internal investigation to identify whether any of the attending spectators have used the game and occasion to behave in an inappropriate, disrespectful or provocative manner towards any member of Llantwit Major or Penybont Football Club or the wider audience.

"Following its findings, subsequent action will be taken against individuals or groups of personnel as necessary.

"The club is ready to fully cooperate with the FAW if they deem it necessary to investigate.

"The club will be making no further comment on this issue until any forthcoming investigations are completed."



# Michael follows his father's footsteps to Island Farm



ABOVE: Members of the Hut 9 Preservation Society with Uta and Michael Koball.

THE Hut 9 Preservation Society had a special visit on Friday, August 17, from the son of a former POW at the Island Farm Camp.

Dr Michael Koball and his wife, Uta, met members of the Hut 9 Preservation Society and received a special tour of the site.

Michael's father, Gunter Koball, was a POW at the camp from 1944 to 1948 when the camp closed.

Gunter, due to the fact that he spoke English, became the camp interpreter and also clerk for the camp's administration.

Gunter was also employed by the Allies as a translator at subsequent war crimes trials.

Both Michael and Uta were able to provide a great deal of information regarding Gunter's stay at the camp and his fondness for the Welsh people. Sadly, Gunter passed away in February this year.

One of his wishes was that Michael and Uta should come to Wales and visit the place in Bridgend that was so dear to him.

A spokesman for the preservation society said: "Michael and Uta have promised to return to visit Hut 9 in the future."

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ABOVE: Gunter Koball in later life and (below) in his Army days.



ABOVE: Michael Koball takes a look around Hut 9.



# Car boot sale is called off because of rain



The birthday cake.

PORHCWL Lions car boot last Sunday was rained off again.

However the weather forecast for the coming Sunday looks better so hopefully all will go to plan.

The group recently held a birthday bash for two of its members involved in celebrating their 80th birthdays.

Held at the home of Carole and her husband Fred, the members descended en masse and a considerable amount of red and white liquid was imbibed, to the detriment of the livers of its recipients.

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## Breakfast get together

KPC in Pyle are organising their second breakfast get-together for local groups and organisations supporting our communities in Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Cornelly and surrounds.

Come along for a bacon roll and a cuppa at 8.30am at KPC in Pyle on Thursday, September 13; contact Alison for more information on 01656 749219 or email: [kpcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:kpcyouth@hotmail.com).

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# Historic chapel is brought back to life in Treoes



ABOVE: Branwen Clarke and Rob Owen.

**THE grand opening of Saron Chapel, Treoes, took place recently after a two-year period of closure for major renovation works.**

Rob Owen and Branwen Clarke were present – both key members of Saron's funding team.

They worked diligently for several years on the mammoth task of sourcing, obtaining and finally claiming all the finances as the work progressed.

Huge thanks go to them both from all Treoes villagers for their hard work.

The Chapel looked beautiful inside with new red carpet and electric heating. It was beautifully cleaned and polished by Saron Chapel trustees and the management committee.

The new floral arrangements donated by Janet Day and Joan Olsson were quite beautiful.

The Treoes history group exhibited information for the very first time, surprising villagers with new

information about Rees Saron Jones.

His first chapel was Saron Chapel but it is now known that when he emigrated to Scranton USA, he co-wrote books, lectured at major events, wrote important papers on the early Welsh Congregationalist Church and was so loved by his congregation that he had a church renamed after him – The Dr Jones DD Church of Scranton which was in existence until 1982.

Ruth Sampson was responsible for the information gathered by the History Society over the last 3-4 years, and she was delighted to accept a donation of £250 from Ian Fynylas, factory manager and Ian Richards, plant manager, of SAS Bridgend.

This donation was to support the cost of the website for another year so the history group can continue with their exciting work of recording the history of the village of Treoes.

Visit [www.friendsofsarontreoes.wales](http://www.friendsofsarontreoes.wales) for more info on the chapel and the history being recorded. PW



The restored chapel.



Ruth Sampson (centre) with Ian Fynylas and Ian Richards.

## New 'Patients Know Best' app launched

**A NEW digital service called Patients Know Best (PKB) aims to offer patients the chance to be more involved in their care by securely giving them access to their own health records.**

A spokeswoman for the ABMU health board said: "As well as having 24/7 access to their records, patients can now choose who they want to share the information with, and work much more closely and easily with clinicians to manage their future care as a team.

"Care plans can be created digitally with input from patients and clinicians, and videos and other media content to help patients better understand their condition and manage care are also available.

"By making it simpler for patients to choose who can see their information, patients can easily share it with other agencies or healthcare professionals, smoothing the way for much easier cross-boundary or multi-agency care. They can also share the information with relatives and carers.

"PKB also allows clinicians to conduct virtual clinics, so patients don't always need to attend an outpatients clinic, and the app can connect to devices like ones used to monitor blood sugar levels.

"Following a successful pilot in three departments in Morriston, Singleton and Neath Port Talbot hospitals, a growing number of outpatients in the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend are now being offered PKB access to their personal online health record.

"ABMU is the first in Wales to offer patients PKB, but there is now growing interest from health boards across Wales.

"ABMU has been working in partnership with Welsh Government which part-funded the early demonstrator pilot through its Efficiency Through Technology fund

and NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) which has helped to integrate PKB with national data systems."

Hamish Laing, chair of the PKB Project Board and former ABMU Medical Director, said: "There is good evidence that giving patients greater access to their own health information and care plans, as well as other information about their health, helps them to take greater control of their health and offers us better ways to support them in doing so."

Dr Mohammad Al-Ubaydii, chief executive of Patients Know Best said: "The NWIS and PKB integration is the first time a nation has allowed the data to move anywhere with the patient. It's great to work with the government of Wales to offer this progressive approach to patients."

Cardiac outpatient Deborah Isidoro from Pencoed, started using PKB a few weeks ago.

After suffering a heart attack in 2016, aged just 49, she was one of the first cardiology patients offered PKB when it was launched in the Princess of Wales Hospital last month.

She said: "I like the way that I am now able to see my results online, so I'm better prepared ahead of an appointment. I'm able to think about the questions I want to ask ahead of speaking to my nurse.

"It gives me more understanding of what's going on – it is empowering in a way. Now I am much better prepared."

ABMU patients currently using PKB include cardiac and Parkinson's, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients are also going live.

However clinicians from many other specialties may also soon be offering PKB to their patients, as the roll out continues – with PKB being offered to patients throughout ABMU in diabetes, urology, ears nose and throat, and gastroenterology from this autumn.

## Colwinston man faces jail sentence

**A Colwinston man has been told that a custodial sentence is "inevitable" after he pleaded guilty on Tuesday (August 21) in Cardiff Crown Court to causing death by dangerous driving on October 28, 2017.**

Craig David Gough, 37, of Colwinston, will return to the Crown Court on September 14 for sentencing by the Recorder, Judge

Eleri Rees. Judge Rees granted Gough conditional bail, and told him that a custodial sentence was "inevitable". Jack Berry died on the A48 near Pentre Meurig while out cycling with friends. He had served in the British Army and was at the time working as a chef at the Bush Inn, St Hilary.

Craig Gough's bail conditions included an interim driving ban, that he must not leave the confines of the Vale of Glamorgan, and must reside and sleep at his Colwinston address.

## 'Oakfest event celebrates life – and fighting against cancer'

**A VALE mum of two who underwent life-saving treatment for cancer twice is hosting a charity event called Oakfest in the village of Llanmaes this Saturday, August 25.**

Llinos Griffin-Williams (35) understands the emotional impact having cancer can have on someone and is keen to raise funds for CLIC Sargent and Cancer Research UK.

At 16 years old, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. At the time she was living in north Wales and had to travel to Manchester for radiotherapy. She later received the all clear.

But eight years later the cancer came back and she went to the University Hospital of Wales for a gruelling six-month course of chemotherapy.

Llinos recovered and is now married to Peter and has two children Ani, aged four, and Gwenna, aged nine months.

But she hasn't forgotten what it felt like to battle cancer at a young age. It explains why Oakfest – and the causes it seeks to support – are so close to her heart.

"The festival is to celebrate life – and dedicated in memory of a friend of mine, Aislinn, who passed away.

"She taught me that you never stop fighting no matter how tough the odds. We want to raise as much cash as we can for children and young people affected by cancer.

"Dealing with cancer at any age is tough but it brings with it a special set of challenges when you're young.

"Cancer strips away your identity, it doesn't discriminate. Today, 11 more children and young people will hear the devastating news

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Llinos Griffin-Williams with her daughter Ani.

that they have cancer.

"From diagnosis, CLIC Sargent's specialist care teams step in, ready to help, support and guide.

They provide a specialist package of support tailored to each young cancer patient, their siblings and family.

"The charity also supports bereaved families."

Llinos says an army of local volunteers have helped to make Oakfest a reality. "I want to thank the Llanmaes community who have really got behind Oakfest – it's going to have a real family feel.

"The Thomas family have kindly allowed the festival to be on their land and Alun Griffiths Construction stepped forward as lead sponsors of the event."

Oakfest opens at 1pm and goes on until 6pm. There will be live music, face-painting, yoga and massages, a

bar for adults, an appearance by No Fit State Circus, tractor rides, an appearance from Marshall of Paw Patrol, a vintage tea room and lots more.

The event will take over the whole village including local fields, the village green and The Blacksmith's Arms (late music). Children are free and it's £3 for adults.

For more information on the two causes go to: [www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk); [cancerresearchuk.org](http://cancerresearchuk.org). If you can't make the festival but still want to donate the Just Giving page is: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oakfest1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oakfest1).

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## Local authority reveals details of parking fines

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has collected more than half a million pounds from issuing parking fines over the past two years.**

The local authority issued fines totalling £255,065 between the middle of May 2017 to the middle of May 2018.

The previous year, for the same period, it issued fines totalling £265,257.

All fines related to parking penalty charge notices.

Parking offences that

can lead to a penalty charge include people parking for longer than they should in council-run car parks, parking on double yellow lines, parking on bus stops, parking without a permit in permit controlled areas, or parking on school 'keep clear' zones and pedestrian crossings with zig-zags.

Money raised through fines, of course, pays the costs of employing traffic wardens (civil enforcement officers) and by law, any surplus funds must be put back into the parking service.

**Liz Bradfield**  
Local democracy reporter

## Showman comes to the local film club

**LLANTWIT MAJOR Library will be showing The Greatest Showman on September 4 - doors open 7.15pm, film starts at 7.30pm.**





Ariana's gym pose shows how long her hair is!

## Ariana's haircut will help little princesses!

**WHILE most eight-year-olds are spending the summer holidays playing, a girl from Bridgend has taken on a double fundraising goal – for two different causes!**

Ariana Barnard aged eight, from Wildmill, Bridgend trains at the amateur gymnastics club Planet Gymnastics in Cardiff for 14 hours each week.

Recently, one of her coaches at the gym cut her very long hair off to donate to the Little Princess Trust, the charity providing real-hair wigs free of charge to children who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses: this inspired Ariana to do the same.

She is also asking for donations to support the charity: her JustGiving page can be found at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ceri-barnard](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ceri-barnard).

Her mum, Ceri said: "She saw a video of a little girl receiving a wig and loved how happy the little girl was. Ariana decided there and then that she wants to donate

her own hair ... because she has lots of hair, and it will grow back. I'm so proud of her!"

The big haircut is scheduled for August 29. Ariana has also set herself the goal of raising money to support her gym club, Planet Gymnastics. The non-profit gymnastics centre, based in Grangetown, Cardiff, is dependent on fundraising by parents and gymnasts to buy new equipment.

So, together with some of her fellow squad members and coaches, Ariana walked up Pen y Fan last Sunday (August 19).

Ceri said: "Ariana lives and breathes gymnastics: she's upside down more often than right side up."

"The gym is our second home, and we love the family atmosphere there, so this sponsored walk up Pen y Fan will go some way to giving something back to the centre which gives us so much."

Donations for Little Princess Trust can be made through Ariana's mum's JustGiving page – details above, while donations to the work of Planet Gymnastics can be made directly to the

club.

Becky Morgan, director of the gymnastics club, which runs classes and squads in artistic and rhythmic gymnastics, acro and dance said: "It's always fantastic when the young people we work with feel so passionate about Planet that they go out of their way to fundraise for us."

"The fact that Ariana is raising money for others as well just shows what a fantastic young person she is."

"We're very proud of her – and of all of the girls!"

## NFU Cymru raises rural crime concerns

**NFU CYMRU met South Wales Police at the Vale of Glamorgan Show to express members' concerns about the impact of rural crime in the area.**

The meeting was held against the backdrop of the launch of the recent Rural Crime Report 2018, compiled by NFU Cymru's partners at NFU Mutual, which revealed that rural crime in Wales cost £1.9m in 2017 – up a staggering 41.4 per cent from the previous year.

NFU Cymru Glamorgan county adviser Aled Davies took the opportunity to meet South Wales

Police Chief Inspector Daryl Fahey and PC Mark Goulding at the show to discuss the ways in which rural crime was affecting farmers in Glamorgan.

CI Fahey and PC Mark Goulding explained that as part of the Safer Vale Partnership agreement South Wales Police is placing an increasing emphasis on tackling rural crime and is working with partners to enhance its offering in this area.

The force has also been carrying out work to build confidence among the rural community and encouraging them to report such crimes.

NFU Cymru has written to the South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner Alun Michael inviting him to attend an on-farm meeting to hear from concerned farmers about the issues they face working on the urban fringes.

Aled Davies said:

"The figures make for worrying reading and underline the fact that farmers feel vulnerable to theft on their premises."

"While we are encouraged that South Wales Police is taking steps to increase its work priorities with regards to rural crime, the fact remains that there is still a large amount of work that needs to be done to give farmers in south Wales confidence that those who wish to prey on their businesses are being effectively dealt with."

"I hope the Police & Crime Commissioner Alun Michael will be able to join us in the coming weeks and see for himself the detrimental effect that theft and the threat of rural crime can have on running a farming business in this area."

## BCBC to offer 'free' dog waste bags to walkers

**DOG waste bags will be supplied along 15 popular dog walking routes in Bridgend County Borough this autumn.**

The new 'free' dog waste bag stations will be installed by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) after being trialled at Maesteg Welfare Park and the Woodlands playing fields in Pencoed.

The new stations will be installed in parts of Porthcawl, Coychurch, Tondur, Heol Y Cyw, Ogmore Vale, Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Brackla, Maesteg and Pencoed.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The scheme will cost us £1,000 each year to service."

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## Llancarfan Village Show in September

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# IT GLITCH ANGERS SCHOOL CAMPAIGNERS

**CAMPAIGNERS** opposing Vale Council plans to close Llanccarfan Primary School are furious that an IT problem has resulted in some responses to a consultation process being cut short.

Two consultations have been held on plans to replace Llanccarfan Primary School in the Vale with a new school some five miles away in Rhosce – leading to

parents expressing deep concerns.

It has now emerged that several responses to both of these consultations may not have been received after the online submission form included a 10,000 character limit.

Any response that exceeded 10,000 characters has been automatically cut down, with key concerns potentially missed.

Campaigners are so annoyed that they are demanding

that the consultation process should be re-run.

They have received support from the regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, who said: "Parents and residents are understandably very concerned by these proposals and they must be given a full and proper opportunity to have their voice heard."

"Two consultations have been undertaken to date and it is unacceptable that in both cases responses may have been lost because of a 10,000 character limit."

Responding, a Vale Council spokesman said: "As part of the consultation on primary education in the Western Vale, stakeholders are provided with the opportunity to convey any feedback via a number of mechanisms, including letters, emails, and an online web form."

"The issue in question relates to a small number of responses (approximately one per cent) being truncated due to their length, which exceeded a maximum value in the survey software database system."

"The council's understanding of the software was that there was no limitation on the length of responses via the online system. However, the issue became apparent following the qualitative review and analysis when a small number of responses were found to end abruptly."

"Upon querying this with the developer, they advised that while any length of response can be entered, only the first 9,999 characters would be saved to the database

once the form has been submitted.

"The council believes it is important to be transparent and values the feedback given by stakeholders. To that end, after investigating the issue the council contacted these respondents to ensure that they had the opportunity to include any additional points they felt are relevant, prior to any report being made available to members for consideration."

"Respondents were contacted with copies of the submissions received, and have been asked if they wish to add any additional points that may not have been covered beyond the 9,999 character limit. A number of responses have already been received. The existing content of the submissions in question, and any addendums to them will be included as part of the analysis and will not be discounted."

"Questions have already been put forward by the public and were responded to at Full Council on July 18, 2018. Questions have been fully answered when they have related to matters of fact."

"However, it is not possible to answer questions which ask for an opinion or view prior to consideration of the outcome of the consultation. The issues raised will be addressed in the consultation report and given due consideration by cabinet prior to a decision being made on whether or not to publish a statutory notice in relation to the proposal."

## 'Dinas Powys needs some TLC' say local councillors

**'DINAS Powys needs more care and attention from the Vale Council', local community councillors have claimed.**

Cllr Richard Grigg, Plaid community councillor for the Murch Ward, said: "This year we have seen standards slip. The county council is reducing services across Dinas Powys."

"There was a failure to control weeds everywhere. There is a serious lack of enforcement of parking regulations especially opposite Tesco. Why did the council paint these lines, which must have cost a lot of council taxpayers' money, if they were not willing to ensure that people faced a ticket?"

Fellow Plaid community councillor Chris Franks said: "In this area there has been a bike chained up advertising a window cleaner for some considerable time."

"The cycle is a wreck and looks awful. The Vale Council shows no interest. Again, the weeds are sprouting and makes the area a mess."

"Important road lines have been worn away especially at junctions with Cardiff Road. We were told in January that they could not be repainted because of the wet weather. I think that there have been a few dry spells lately."

"Then there has been the dreadful pollution of the local streams. It took local residents and Plaid to pressurise the Natural Resources Wales to force a resolution. What was the Conservative-Independent County Council doing to help our community?"

Mike Clogg, Vale Council operational manager for neighbourhood services and transport, said the council had been taking action: "The council successfully



**Cllrs Franks and Grigg with the abandoned bike.**

completed a first round of weed spraying throughout the Vale earlier in the summer and there will be a further round in the autumn.

"We will investigate specific areas where this issue may remain a problem and carry out any remedial works necessary prior to the next round of spraying."

"Double yellow lines have been placed on Castle Drive in Dinas Powys to deter motorists from parking there and fixed penalty notices issued for this offence."

"Enforcement officers prioritise the busiest areas of the Vale, with Barry and the Island, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major taking precedent. Enforcement in other areas is proportionate to the problems faced."

"We have previously received no report of an abandoned bike in this area, but will investigate this matter with a view to getting it removed."

"A road marking crew is scheduled to be out early next week to refresh any deteriorating highway lines and will visit the locations mentioned."

He added: "Issues relating to water pollution should be directed to Natural Resources Wales."

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### 'Prayer inclusion NOT exclusion'

**COMMENTS** against Cllr Charles, such as 'divisive', 'discriminatory', 'imposing of beliefs' and attendees 'having to take evasive action' could also be deemed oppressive and discriminatory against Cllr Charles.

Some points to consider.

Prayers are fundamental in decision making in all areas of life for a Christian. Clarification has already been sought by Cllr Shirley Hodges, via the town clerk, that prayers are allowed prior to a meeting.

Freedom of speech enables Cllr Charles to state her intention to pray before the start of council meetings and extend her invitation to other councillors.

This shows her willingness to include other faiths and cultures who pray, as well as Christians. Those who decline, cannot complain of being excluded. The clue is in the word 'invitation'.

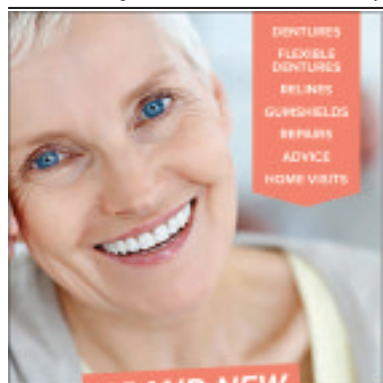
Steven Evans of the London-based Secular Society mentions availability of chamber, for attendees to meet with colleagues, take their seats and prepare. Isn't this what Cllr Charles is trying to do in her way? His comments about Barry being "a religiously diverse and largely non-religious community" makes me wonder how much he actually knows about Barry, other than what has been communicated to him.

As for prayers interfering with others in the chamber, contrary to the idea that it would be "loud prayer in public", prayer is mostly said quietly, even within a group, with respect to others around them.

Some disagree that we are predominantly a Christian country, but we are willing to embrace other faiths and cultures, many of whom have fled from persecution for their beliefs, but not so ready to embrace the Christian faith that many of all ages still have today, even in Barry.

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of The Woodland Trust gives readers a round up of current local risks and asks for your help.

The small areas of ancient woodland remaining in Wales are under threat as never before from new roads, housing and quarry developments, despite the fact that the Welsh Government's planning policy – in theory – protects it

from all significant damage.

The Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw) is campaigning to save threatened ancient woodland in:

The Vale of Glamorgan, where the Vale Council has recently been consulting on two routes to provide quicker access to Cardiff airport. One of the proposals would threaten six ancient woodlands, the other seven of them.

Brackla near Bridgend, where the Trust has recently written to express concern about building four new houses right next to the ancient Briary Wood, threatening its future.

To help meet this threat, the Woodland Trust is now seeking to recruit a number of 'threat detector' volunteers across Wales, who can look at individual planning applications that might threaten ancient woodland. The role can be undertaken at home and full training will be provided, though some knowledge of the planning system and map reading will be advantageous.

Anyone interested in applying for the role can find full details at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/volunteering). The Woodland Trust is planning a special

training day for would-be threat detectors, in early autumn.

Sarah Cooley, the Trust's campaigning volunteering coordinator who will be organising the day said: "We need help to stop precious ancient woodland being destroyed."

"The best way to tackle this issue is with eyes and ears on the ground to alert us when threats arise. We know that there are people across Wales who care deeply about this issue and who will want to help. If you are one of them, then I'd love to hear from you."

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## Weatherman to lead Valeways celebration

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Friends of Valeways started last year, to support the local charity.

"Our regular programme of walks are free and we really want to keep it that way so that people of all incomes, ages and interests can join us. But we know that many are keen to support our work further – so the Friends Scheme was born," said chair of

trustees, Phil Gibbins.

"In addition, over the last year, the Friends have the pleasure of knowing that they have helped us maintain 400 miles of country pathways in the Vale and enabled us to pioneer health walks for seniors and others around Cowbridge, Llantwit, Barry and Cosmeston. All the time we continue our regular programme of walks, not to mention the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival."

"So if you want to join us, now is the time. Derek will be tackling part of the Vale Trails Haunted Fields walk with Friends in tow, a leisurely three miles or so. We'll return to Dyffryn for a free Friends' buffet lunch."

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# Don't fall for 'fake police officer' fraud

**THERE have been more than a dozen incidents of Vale and Bridgend residents being contacted by people pretending to be police officers and asking them to hand over money.**

The calls were so convincing some people did hand over cash. South Wales Police emphasised that officers will never ask people for money.

A spokesman said: "We are urging the public to be cautious and

vigilant after a number of people have reported being contacted by callers purporting to be police officers asking to hand over significant amounts of money.

"Police officers will never ask for your money. Our advice is to hang up and call us on 101.

"Please tell your elderly or vulnerable relatives and neighbours about this scam.

"In the past month, we have seen a marked increase in the number of people reporting calls of this nature.

"In Bridgend and the

Vale there have been more than a dozen incidents in recent weeks."

Fraudsters claim to be police officers from the Metropolitan Police, Avon and Somerset Police or other forces and have been so convincing that some people handed over bank details as requested. Other people were more suspicious and refused.

The callers involved in the scam suggest questionable activity or a potential security breach of the intended victim's bank or building society account.

They then suggest that to protect the rest of their money, the victim should hand it over to keep it safe either by withdrawing cash or by bank transfer.

Some are then told a 'courier' will come to their home to collect the money as part of the scam.

These fake officers even provide fake badge numbers and in a number of the cases the fraudsters advised victims to call an additional number to speak to another fraudster who then 'verifies' the authenticity of the call.



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies and Amelia Trust Farm marketing and business manager Becca Palmer wish Mal well ahead of the challenge.

## Mal's 870-mile journey for Amelia Trust Farm

**THE education and site manager of Amelia Trust Farm in Barry is set to travel the entire Welsh coastline in a bid to raise £10,000 for the charity.**

Mal Sanchez-Jones joined the farm in September 2002 – and has overseen many changes during that time.

He now hopes to raise further awareness of the farm's work while also raising the money needed for its latest animal housing project.

It started in Prestatyn on August 20 when Mal will attempt to cycle the north coast before walking the south coastline.

The Welsh coastline is 870 miles in its entirety and ahead of Mal setting off, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited Amelia Trust to wish Mal luck on his voyage.

Mr Davies said: "It was a pleasure to visit Amelia Trust Farm last week and chat with Mal about his challenge. The charity does a lot of great work in Barry and the Vale and it is vital they continue in future.

"The Welsh coastline is some 870 miles in length, so this is not something to take lightly. I wish Mal the very best of luck – and would urge you to join me in supporting him."

## GVS offers a 'toolkit' to voluntary groups

**GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) has announced that its 'Third Sector Consortium Toolkit' is available.**

It contains useful information for individuals or groups who are thinking of working together in a consortium.

The toolkit contains top 10 tips for creating and working in a consortium, information on the barriers to consortium working and how to overcome them, guidance on consortium working with large funders and support with tendering for goods and services.

The toolkit has been produced following a three year, consortium development project managed by GVS and

funded by the Vale Council's Voluntary Action Scheme.

Over 160 meetings were attended by GVS's consortium development officer, 12 consortia were developed, three attracted funding and another is working well as a partnership.

The funding received represents a seven-fold return on the council's initial grant investment. One full-time and six part-time posts have been created and over 40 organisations have worked together on projects and developed valuable contacts and knowledge and understanding of each other's work.

The toolkit can be downloaded free of charge from: [www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/toolkit](http://www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/toolkit).

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## CAVC's award

**CARDIFF and Vale College has been awarded for its commitment to preparing its students for the world of work.**

The college has achieved the Careers Wales Mark, an award designed to recognise a commitment to continuous quality improvement in educational institutions to meet the Welsh Government's requirements set out in the Careers and World of Work: a framework for 11 to 19-year-olds.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Friends of Barry Beaches

**FOR the third August running, Friends of Barry Beaches will be taking their beach clean outside Barry to Aberthaw.**

This month's beach clean will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27 at Gileston beach, Aberthaw. The clean-up will commence at 3pm and volunteers should meet at the car park. The access road is opposite the war memorial at St Athan.

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# Out & About with The GEM

## Christopher Robin's return is a solemn one...

**W**E'VE seen many children's literary characters be reborn on the big screen of late, most notably of course Paddington Bear. Now Disney have dipped their toe into these waters with

### Christopher Robin.

The Christopher of the title is Ewan McGregor, a family man stuck in a job he hates and with life getting him down. The reappearance of his old friend Winnie The Pooh (voiced by Jim Cummings) inspires Christopher to make a change and, along with Winnie, the pair travel back to Hundred Acre

Wood to track down Pooh's missing friends – including Tigger (voiced by Chris O'Dowd), Owl (voiced by Toby Jones) and more – and Christopher realises there's more to life than just work...

Disney's attempt to make every one of their characters live action has, so far, paid dividends; if not wholly critically, then certainly commercially. A beloved character like Winnie The Pooh, given technological advancements, has been aching to reach live-action and now it's finally here the results are charming, if a tad flawed.

The narrative arc of Christopher Robin in adulthood, a husband and a father consumed by work and attempting to make the best for his

family without realising his behaviour is actually being detrimental, is a familiar one (look no further than *Hook*) and it's this part of the plot that feels most cumbersome.

A solemn opening 20 minutes doesn't really set the pulse racing either, taking us through Christopher's young life to where we meet him now. It all feels a little austere and maudlin, a little too serious for what is ostensibly a film for children and the child that lives within adults.

It picks up when Pooh reappears; voiced with effortless aplomb by Jim Cummings, the character soon picks up the pace and the fun factor, as he recruits Christopher (who has a deadline to save his company 20 per cent or risk losing his job) to help him track down his friends.

This is where the fun really starts – the film becomes lighter and more humorous, where the natural charm of the characters and Ewan McGregor's enjoyable turn are given free rein before real life intervenes and Christopher has to leave Hundred Acre Wood – but there's a sting in the tail.

If it all feels a little

what is enjoyable is the exchanges between the characters, etched through time, that resonate and the small, perfectly-formed witticisms of Pooh in particular that hit the spot.

The performances are solid, McGregor playing a character with a familiar trajectory but having great fun in doing it, while Hayley Atwell as his wife, and Bronte Carmichael as his daughter, deliver when called upon.

It's the voice cast who shine the most, Cummings pivotal as he wraps his distinctive voice around the character of Pooh once more, while the likes of Chris O'Dowd, Toby Jones, Peter Capaldi and more bring vivid life to the denizens of Hundred Acre Wood, some of whom could have had a little more to do.

Director Marc Forster is usually to be found handling more solemn fare, and at times his propensity for this seeps through; when he injects some lightness and humour into proceedings it takes flight, and the film feels more pleasing, but it never feels natural; there's a forced element that seems to go against

Forster's natural instincts.

There is the air of a missed opportunity about *Christopher Robin*, where a more ambitious plot and a little more energy would make for a better film; as it is, it's one where the charm of the characters papers over the narrative cracks and makes it a satisfying, but insubstantial, watch.

**VERDICT** – A kid's film that overplays

solemnity. *Christopher Robin* is poorly-plotted, but charming, mainly thanks to the characters from Hundred Acre Wood. Audience-wise it lands between child-friendly and grown-up, but thanks to the efforts of Pooh et al, this is a film that will just about entertain – but not much more. Average.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Finding Neverland* (2004), *Hook* (1991).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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like the adventures of Paddington, then it's certainly by design (and even features that film's co-writer Simon Farnaby in a small but fun role) but these are characters who hold their own and that ensures you don't feel too shortchanged.

The plot is perfunctory to say the least (and if you've seen the trailer there will be nothing here that takes you by surprise) which disappoints, especially as there are five pairs of hands on the screenplay (most notably Tom McCarthy, writer and director of the Oscar-winning *Spotlight*), but

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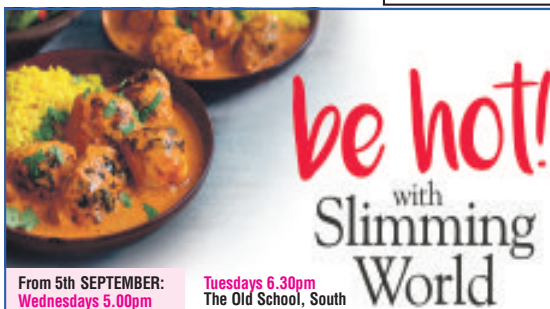
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**Thursdays 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm**  
Sarn & Bryncwll Social  
Club, Bryncoch Road, Sarn  
Scott 07498 780419

**Thursdays 5.30pm**  
Highlight Park Community  
Centre, Barry  
Annmarie 07837 497523

**Thursdays 5.30pm and 7.30pm**  
The Bayside Room,  
Hi Tide, Porthcawl,  
CF36 5BT  
Rachel 07779 956233

**Thursdays 9.30am, 3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm**  
Talbot Community Centre,  
Kenfig Hill  
Millie 07765 040006

**Thursdays 9.30am and 11.30am**  
Memorial Hall, Cenotaph  
Entrance, Gladstone Road,  
Barry  
Nicola 07951 510871

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St. Davids Church Hall,  
Wimbourne Road,  
Pencoed  
Donna 07790 797008

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Nolton Church Hall,  
Merthyr Mawr Road,  
Bridgend  
Donna 07790 797008

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Buttrills Community  
Centre, North Walk,  
Barry  
Martin 07827 445570

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The Gathering Place,  
Flemington Road,  
St Athan  
Helen 07968 355119

**Saturday 9.30am**  
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Centre, Cwm Parc, Barry  
Vicky 07957 958900

## 'No-one could bear to leave the picnic...'

**HAFOD** recently welcomed more than 40 children with their parents or carers to their second annual Teddy Bear's Picnic at Gladstone Gardens in Barry.

On the day, children took along their favourite teddy bear or toy and received their own picnic bag containing a delicious lunch provided by Hafod. Children had lots of fun with hula hoops, skipping ropes, bubbles, face painting and other games including the opportunity to water bomb their support worker.

Paw Patrol characters Chase and Skye also made a surprise appearance, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Kelly White, senior support worker at Hafod, said: "This event is a really special day for children to just enjoy themselves and it's also rewarding for the staff who support them closely throughout the year.

"We're very grateful to local businesses who have donated raffle prizes which has helped us put the event on."

Hafod Resources



Baby Bella-Rose poses with teddy bear.



Everyone had a good time.

## Cathedrals of Britain Book review by Brian Lee

**FOR those of you who enjoy visiting or reading about cathedrals then Bernadette Fallon's *Cathedrals of Britain - West, South West and Wales* (published by Pen and Sword at £12.99) will be right up your street.**

Power, bloodshed, prayer, cathedrals in the UK are as much about human drama as spiritual sanctuary, as much about

political wrangling as religious fervour.

From Christian beginnings in the Middle Ages through Renaissance and modernity, the great cathedrals of Britain have been both battleground and place of quiet reflection and prayer created for the glory of God for sure, but also for the glory of men. Well illustrated throughout, this 136-page paperback is a fascinating read.

**BRIAN LEE**

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## H4H support helps local veterans find a new direction

**HELP for Heroes in Wales is delivering a new programme of support for Veterans and Armed Forces personnel.**

Taking place at the charity's Community Recovery Office in Treforest, Rhondda Cynon Taf, men and women from across Wales who are wounded, injured or sick because of their military service are invited to apply for the Pathfinder Experience.

The three-part programme, designed to inspire, enable and support people to make the transition from the Armed Services into civilian life, takes place over 12 days, and has been run successfully for several years at the charity's other regional bases.

Lee Dunkley from Pencoed, Bridgend served with Royal Artillery for 22 years in Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Iraq and Afghanistan; and spent 18 months with the Military Provost Guard Service in Wiltshire. Mr Dunkley was medically discharged because of injuries sustained in service and took part in a trial of the Pathfinder Experience at the Treforest office in July.

He said: "I was lost as to where I wanted to go with my career. I wanted a bit more clarity, and the best people to speak to are the subject matter



Lee Dunkley from Pencoed.

experts at Help for Heroes. The people who run the course come predominantly from military backgrounds, appreciate where we come from and where we need to go, to achieve our aims and goals in life."

Louis Nethercott, programme delivery lead of the national career recovery team, described the purpose of the course and said: "It's about helping people learn more about themselves in terms of strengths, skills, likes, dislikes, as well as identifying opportunities for a purposeful future role, whether that be in fulfilling paid work, voluntary work or finding enjoyable hobbies."

"By the time the experience is complete, they should be able to translate their strengths and skills into civilian life, understand

employment and lifestyle options and be confident about what the future holds."

Mr Dunkley added: "Having the course in Wales has made it easier for me because I'm not fighting with the traffic every morning to get here, because traffic sends my stress levels through the roof. It's in a quiet area, there are amenities around, everything's to hand – and you don't really need much because the Help for Heroes staff support you."

Help for Heroes community recovery manager Shelley Elgin said: "We are delighted to be able to offer the Pathfinder Experience to veterans here in Wales. The response to the trial version we ran in July has been phenomenal. We're keen to encourage those who are already engaging with our services to take part, but we'd love to hear from anyone who's new to Help for Heroes, whenever they served, if they need our support, we are here for them."

"For more information, contact us on 01443 808910, Wales.supporthub@helpforheroes.org.uk, or visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk."

The Wales Community Recovery Office is wheelchair accessible and assistance is available for those who need overnight accommodation to attend the course.

## Smallholders scoop top prize



Vice chairman Maurice Price with some of the Glamorgan Smallholders.

**MEMBERS of Glamorgan Smallholders were delighted when, at the 2018 Vale of Glamorgan Show, they were awarded The Edward John Challenge Cup for the best trade stand.**

The vice-chairman of Glamorgan Smallholders, Maurice Price, was on hand to accept the cup from show president Julian Radcliff on behalf of the group in the main area during the grand parade on the day of the show.

Mr Price said: "I was delighted to be able to accept the cup on behalf of the Glamorgan Smallholders but the credit doesn't stop there."

"Many other people joined us to make the marquee the success that it was and we all had a wonderful time sharing some of our lives with the people who came to see us."

He added: "The live broadcasts from Bro Radio made great links with, not only the people on the showground, but also those who were unable to attend the event in person. The interviews really gave listeners the chance to share the buzz of what was happening on the day."

The concept of having a social and support group for smallholders in the Vale of Glamorgan was launched a year ago at the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show. One year on the group had gathered enough members, momentum and support to be able to take on the Countryside Marquee at the Vale Show.

A founder member of the group, Helen Joy, said: "The aim of the marquee was for people to be able to meet smallholders and to learn more about what they do and how that fits into food production and life in the countryside. We wanted people to enjoy



From left: Julian Radcliff presenting Maurice Price with The Edward John Challenge Cup.

meeting the animals and to experience a small part of what we do."

Joining the group in the marquee and sharing in the award were spinners from both the Tawe and the Glamorgan Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, who have for many years supported the show with exhibits and demonstrations, also supporting the British Wool Marketing Board Fleece Competitions.

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), Swanbridge Pipers (rare breed Berkshire Pigs), Jones Dairies (Barry) together with Food Vale, Hillside beef and lamb, soaps and products from Garlic Meadow, Mike Robins Cowbridge Farm Shop, Hampshire Down sheep from Tyn-y-Bettws Farm and Icelandic and lavender sheep from Kennixton Sheep filled the marquee with lots to see and experience along with competitions and activities.

The Tractor Boys (and girls) of Aberthorn put on a fabulous display of vintage tractors and kept everyone fed and watered throughout the day. All of these, together with beautiful floral displays supplied by Cross Farm Nursery, added colour and scent and gave the marquee a welcoming feel as visitors approached.

Glamorgan Smallholders chairman Russell Capling concluded: "Sadly I was unable to attend on the day of the show due to work commitments."

"I was delighted when I received the news that we had won The Edward John Challenge Cup, which was thanks to the outstanding work and dedication of a team of people who enjoy what they do and have a desire to share it with others."

"I couldn't be more proud to be part of this amazing group of people and I can only imagine what next year might bring."

The group hopes to be able to display the cup at various venues throughout the forthcoming year to enable everyone to share in its success.

## Another connection to The Dambusters



The Barry Motorcycle.

**IS the Barry branch of The RAFA aware that a former Barry man, Charles Benjamin Redrup, was involved in design work for Avro on Lancasters during the war?**

A book has been written (*The Knife and Fork Man: The Life and Work of Charles Benjamin Redrup* by Professor Bill Fairney, published by Diesel Publishing, Badminton, Gloucester).

Included in his known designs are: 1942 aero-hydraulic drive for gun turret operation, and a 1943 200gpm 2000psi double ended wobble plate hydraulic pump for bomb spinning drive. (Dambuster). Plus other works. I hope this may be of some interest to them.

**Owain Clements.** The GEM contacted the author of biography, Professor Bill Fairney, who very kindly supplied photographs and more information, including on another of Mr Redrup's inventions, the Barry motorcycle. Prof Fairney takes up the story...



Charles Redrup.

"I have attached some extra pictures of the Barry motorcycle. To protect the driver's legs the rotating engine block was covered in a perforated casing, rather like a colander!"

"Regarding the bouncing bomb, the bomb was spun up by a hydraulic motor originally used by Vickers in submarines."

"The hydraulic power came from a special pump attached to one of the engines. It was this pump that Mr Redrup designed because the original was only short-term rated for turning the upper gun turret, whereas the bomb had to be spun up for several minutes." Visit [dieselpublishing.wordpress.com](http://dieselpublishing.wordpress.com) for more information.

## The Cathedral School continues outstanding A-Level results record

High fliers at The Cathedral School.



**THE Cathedral School continues what a spokesperson termed its "... track record for outstanding results" at A-Level, with its year-13 pupils achieving 53 per cent of all grades at A\*-A, and 75 per cent at A\*-B.**

One in five of all grades gained was an A\*, and the overall pass rate was 100 per cent.

"The most common grade achieved was an A," said the spokesperson.

A third of pupils achieved three A grades or better, while a quarter took the Extended Project Qualification, securing 100-per-cent A\*/A grades.

Head boy Lance Burn, and James Knowles, both secured the highest possible results of 4 A\* and 3 A\*

grades respectively.

Lance will read medicine at Cambridge and James will progress to Birmingham to study music. Lance, who studied biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics said: "I am so pleased with my results"

"It was definitely worth all of the hard work."

Other top performers, scoring exclusively A\* and A grades, included head girl, Ella Thomas, who will read architecture at Nottingham; Cian Williams who joined the Cathedral School Sixth Form from Glantaf and will study aeronautical engineering at Bath; and cousins May-Ling and Katherine Shi, who will both study medicine at Cardiff.

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## Vale Council responds to waste collection concerns

**I**refer to the concerns recently highlighted on your newspaper's letters page regarding the Vale Council's decision to restrict the number of black bags collected from September 3, 2018.

I very much understand how such controls are being perceived and, as the cabinet member responsible for the council's waste management services, thought I should explain the reasoning behind this most difficult of decisions.

Like all Welsh Local Authorities the Vale Council is bound by legislation that determines what our recycling performance should be at given times.

For 2019/20 we are required to achieve a recycling target of 64 per cent, which, with the fantastic efforts of our residents we achieved in 2016/17, with 65.33. Unfortunately this performance dropped to 63.1 per cent last year (2017/18).

By 2024/25 the target is 70 per cent.

This is where the real challenge lies as all our predictions under the current non-restricted black bag arrangements suggest that we will miss this target, and by some margin, with our performance currently stagnating at around the 63/65 per cent mark.

In 2024/25 we could face fines of £200 per tonne for every tonne of waste below the 70 per cent target not recycled. To provide an indication of how much this could cost; 5 per cent of our waste weighs in at 3,123 tonnes,

so if we missed the target by 5 per cent this could cost our council tax payers £624,000 per annum.

Unfortunately there is no legislation that we can rely on to force the public to recycle, and we know that a small number of our residents still do not recycle at all.

We are however able to restrict the amount of black bag waste we collect, so this is the only appropriate method available to us to increase recycling participation.

We very much hope that by restricting the black bags collected we will encourage the public to better consider the contents of their black bags before placing them out on the kerbside for collection.

Many of our residents are already able to comply with the two black bag rules as conscientious recyclers.

We know that this method is far from perfect. The identity of a person's black bag is neutral, meaning they can be placed anywhere on the kerbside.

We however, hope that our residents will work with us and their neighbours on this, as they have done with all other waste changes over the years.

We could have invested in thousands of wheeled bins at a cost of millions of pounds but the amount of residual waste by volume that the public would be able to put out for collection would remain the same and wheeled bins have not been proven to increase recycling or reduce operating costs.

They also can look unsightly when placed on the kerbside, particularly in our terraced

streets.

We are very aware that due to a householder's specific circumstances e.g. having small children with nappies, they may be unable to comply with the two bag limit, even if they recycle everything they can.

For this reason, we have arrangements in place to support households with six or more residents, for nappies, adult hygiene products, ashes or large amounts of pet waste.

You may apply for an additional allowance by calling 01446 721536.

In previous years we have been one of the best performing councils in Wales for recycling and this is in the main down to the efforts of our residents.

Due to a range of practices including restricting residual (black bag) waste, many councils are now out-performing us and well on their way, or even exceeding, the 70 per cent target.

We need to introduce the black bag restrictions now to make a step change towards and beyond the 70 per cent figure to protect the interests of our residents by giving ourselves the best opportunity of avoiding future fines.

I look forward to working with our residents on this next phase of our environmental journey and, though I recognise for some that the change will be challenging, I very much hope that the reasons for it are understood, and most of all supported.

**Cllr Geoff Cox**  
Cabinet Member for  
Neighbourhood Services and  
Transport

## Villagers in campaign to save century-old pond

**VILLAGERS and businesses are joining forces with the Vale Council to rescue a century-old duck pond in Ffônnon.**

The pond dried up over the summer through a combination of exceptionally low rainfall, high temperatures and leaks from the base and boundary wall.

As a result, the moorhens and wild ducks abandoned the pond to seek an alternative habitat and large willow trees in the central island are showing signs of distress.

Ffônnon, Rhose and Aberthaw residents have formed the 'Save Ffônnon Pond' group to try and prevent the loss of a pond which has long been a focal point in the village and used regularly as a picturesque backdrop for wedding photographs.

The plan is to clear weeds and brambles that choke the willows and weaken the wall around the pond, causing it to leak.

The Vale Council has agreed to do some initial work but volunteers will also be needed to remove silt that has built up over the years.

Save Ffônnon Group members are also



considering building a new clay base using the same technique employed for canals.

Ffônnon resident Denise Cooper explained: "Our immediate priority is to prevent the willows dying and to encourage the wildlife to return but we then need to stop the pond leaking."

"We also have to find a more reliable source of water instead of the ground water that currently feeds into the pond which dries during spells without much rain."

The group estimates it will cost more than £5,000 for the most

urgent work and it has started fundraising to meet the cost. It had a collection at the Ffônnon Agricultural Show which raised more £340 in a few hours, and there have been other individual donations.

Discussions are under way with local businesses who have shown interest in helping with the restoration and the Vale Council has given its support, although has said it doesn't have the budget to take on the entire project.

Denise added: "The support from the local community has been tremendous."

"Everyone has been so saddened to see the state of the pond this year and keen to help, whether that's by donating money or offering to help clear the site."

"None of us want to lose something that has been in our village for so long."

To support the project visit the Save Ffônnon Pond group on Facebook. Donations can be made via the group's donation page on [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) or by emailing [saveffonnonpond@gmail.com](mailto:saveffonnonpond@gmail.com).

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## ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

## Karl wants to share slimming secrets

**A SLIMMER who transformed his life by losing five stone is using his success to shape a whole career helping other people change their lives and achieve their weight loss dreams too.**

Karl Payne joined his local Slimming World group in Barry in June 2016 and dropped from 15 stone 7.5lbs to 10 stone 7.5 in just 10 short months.

After Karl lost the weight, he found he had a real passion, not just for losing the weight, but a passion for helping other members lose weight too.

He trained as a consultant for Slimming World, the UK's largest group-based weight loss organisation, at their national training academy in Derbyshire.

He opened his first group on October 30, 2017, and now he has opened his second group at the Sea Scout Hall, Everard Street in Barry. The group is open on Wednesdays and is now a double session with starting times of 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Karl said: "Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK. When I first joined Slimming World as a member, I never dreamed that I would end up helping other people to lose weight. I never dreamed I would have the confidence to stand in front of a group, talking to members about my journey and inspire members."

"Support is really the most important thing. It all starts with feeling that you're not alone. I couldn't have lost 5 stone without the weekly help, encouragement and understanding of my own consultant and group."

"Setting targets, sharing recipes and other ideas, and working together as a group to overcome challenges and celebrate success is so important to a successful journey."

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I



*After his five stone weight loss, Karl now takes part in marathons.*

ate.

"I thought I was destined to struggle with my weight for the rest of my life, but when I came to Slimming World it was different. I never felt like I was on a diet. The eating plan encourages you to eat lots of tasty, filling foods like pasta, rice, potatoes and lean meat and fish."

"Slimming World isn't just about changing what you eat. Becoming more active is important too. Our Body Magic programme takes the threat out of activity by showing people, many of whom have

unpleasant memories of being forced to take part in activity at school, how they can build activity into their daily routine without having to take up traditional forms of exercise like going to the gym."

"Everything counts from walking to gardening to washing the car. I love running now to get my Body Magic! Since losing the weight, I've competed in 10 charity runs including the Cardiff Half Marathon."

Slimming World consultants are all former members who have lost weight at their local group themselves. There are currently around 4,000 Slimming World consultants across the UK and Ireland running 15,000 groups.

Since becoming a consultant, Karl has helped his members lose a combined 436 stone. He's had multiple members reach target. He was hand picked for the Slimming World national finals for Consultant Slimmer of the year 2017, and also had one of his young slimmers, Holly Proud, as a finalist at the Slimming World Young Slimmer of the year 2017.

Karl's journey is so inspirational, he was chosen to feature in the Slimming World magazine, which is available at the end of August.

Martin Woodsford, who runs Slimming World's Buttrills Community Centre group and manages Karl as a team developer, says: "Slimming World consultants are chosen for their positive outlook and because they genuinely care about the health and happiness of others."

Karl's Slimming World group is held at the Sea Scout Hall every Wednesday at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. For more information or to join Karl's group, drop in on Wednesdays or call him on 07411 621 866.

Karl also runs a group on Mondays at 5.30pm in the Cadroxton Moors Community Centre, rear of Edmund Street, Cardiff Road, Barry, also on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am and 11.30am in All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth.

# Ramblers say fond farewell to Patch



*Patch, honorary Rambler.*

**THE penultimate Penarth and District Ramblers summer evening walk attracted a group of 14 walkers who joined Joy and Biddy at Wenvoe village on a pleasant evening; and climbing up through Pound Lane, they entered Wenvoe Wood passing some fine fungi adorning fallen tree trunks.**

A short trek along the very dry and dusty Burdonshill lane brought them into fields where the skyline was dominated by the tall Wenvoe transmitting mast, and passing through the Wenvoe Wild Orchard field and several metal gates, they crossed St Lythans Road to Coed Rhosyn.

A series of stiles behind Lodge House Farm brought them into Coed Nant Bran, where a fairly wide track through this delightful woodland led them to a gate and into a field where the barley crop had recently been harvested.

Making their way through the stubble with the sunlight lighting up the tall bales of stacked straw, a stile brought them into a field of excitable cows and calves who soon gave up thoughts of chasing the group as they safely crossed to Vianshill Farm.

Approaching the Downs, tall bracken was obscuring most of the pathways with some being completely blocked at the height of the growing season, but quickly navigating an easy way through towards Penrhif Farm, the narrow track that passes behind the TV transmitting station led them into the hamlet of Twyn-yr-Odyn.

A short journey along the road, which opened up fine views towards Cardiff and beyond, was followed by a descent through the Upper

Orchid field and into woodland, from where steps led them into their last meadow before the journey back through the village to their start.

On August 25 (not 26 as in your programme) catch the 08.47 train from Penarth or the 09.06 train from Cardiff Central station for an 11-mile moderate walk from Treherbert to Aberdare for the train journey home; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

On August 27, the stay-at-home Bank Holiday walk will leave Gileston Beach car park at 10am for a 12-mile moderate circular tour of the Rills and Kenson valleys; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

**Anyone who knows Penarth and District Ramblers footpath officer Geraint will also know his faithful companion Patch and it is with sadness we hear that they have taken their last walk together.**

They say man's best friend is his dog and many walkers will certainly agree with that sentiment.

Geraint often led walks with his young son Cai until the duo became a trio when Patch arrived on the scene and began to accompany them in March 2006.

The tri-coloured Border Collie became a firm favourite and wherever Geraint went, so did Patch and they were the best of buddies. Patch was handsome, loveable and obedient with eyes only for his master.

Following problems with arthritis in his legs, Geraint retired him from active walking with the group and more recently he developed kidney problems and lost his fight on August 11.

So we say a fond farewell to much-loved Patch, who was just as important to the group as his human companions and he will be sorely missed.

**Joy Strangward**

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (ST LYTHANS ROAD (RHAN), DYFFRYN) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2018

1. Ar 23 Awst 2018, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:  
2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (St Lythans Road (Rhan), Dyffryn) (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro)" 2018 a daw i rym ar 3 Medi 2018.

### ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Y ffordd i'w chau yw St Lythans Road o'r gyffordd â'r A4226 ym Mwthyn Northcliff i Stablaun Northcliff.

**Rheswm:** I alluogi gwaith ar Ddargyfeirio'r Prif Gyflenwad Dŵr  
**Hyd:** O 07.00am ddydd Llun 3 Medi 2018 i 07.00am ddydd Llun 17 Medi 2018.

**Llwybr Arall:** Bydd Gwyriadau Lleol wedi'u harwyddo ar waith  
**DS:** Cynhelir mynediad i drigolion a gwasanaethau brys a cherddwyr drwy gydol y cyfnod.

**Dyddiedig 23 Awst 2018**

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau,  
Gwenfô. CF5 6AA



## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ST LYTHANS ROAD (PART), DUFFRYN) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

1. On 23rd August 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:  
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St Lythans Road (Part), Duffryn) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2018 and will come into force on 3rd September 2018.

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The road to be closed is St Lythans Road from its junction with the A4226 at Northcliff Cottage to Northcliff Stables.

**Reason:** To allow for Water Main Diversion works to be undertaken  
**Duration:** From 07.00am on Monday 3rd September 2018 until 07.00am on Monday 17th September 2018.

**Alt. Route:** Local signed diversions will be in place  
**NB:** Access will be maintained for residents and emergency services and pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

**Dated this 23rd day of August 2018.**

Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA) (DROS DRO) 2018

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:

### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr rhwng y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod:

### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Y rhan o'r A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) y Barri o Fferm Blacklands i'r gyffordd â'r ffordd i Moulton

**Rheswm:** Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith gwaith ar y gyffordd.

**Hyd:** O 10.00 ar ddydd Llun 4 Medi 2018 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiedig 23 Awst 2018  
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
Yr Alpau, Quarry Road, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.



## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the location specified in Schedule 2 below:

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The section of A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Blacklands Farm to the junction with the road to Moulton

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.

**Duration:** From 10.00 Hours on Monday 3rd September 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2018  
Director of Environment & Housing  
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## ARABLE SECTION

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2nd 423 TR Harris, Redlands.  
3rd 432 Howard Evans.

### Class 163 Bale of Meadow Hay:

1st 427 Mike Robins.  
2nd 426 TR Harris.  
3rd 425 Ben Jones.

### Class 165 10 kilos Wheat:

1st 440 Thomas, Gileston.  
2nd 443 Radcliff, Penmark.

### Class 166 10 kilos Oats:

1st 446 Thomas.  
2nd 448 Radcliff.  
3rd 447 James.

### Class 167 10 kilos Barley:

1st 452 James.  
2nd 450 Thomas.  
3rd 451 James.

### Best trade stand mainly supplying goods and services to the Agricultural Industry:

1st GLAMORGAN SMALL HOLDERS.  
2nd FRANK SUTTON.

### 3rd DAVID EVANS.

### It The Edward John Memorial

Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best trade stand mainly supplying goods and services to the Agricultural Industry: GLAMORGAN SMALLHOLDERS.  
Best trade stand mainly supplying

### goods and services to the general public:

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2nd SOUTH WALES FIRE + RESCUE SERVICES.

### 3rd TOPSTAK.

### 2t The Gale Martin

### Memorial Perpetual

### Challenge Trophy for

### best trade stand

### mainly supplying

### goods and services to

### the general public:

### SWANSEA AND

### DISTRICT

### BEEKEEPERS.

### Best Trade Stand

### exhibiting in the Craft

### Fair Marquee:

### 1st FLEUR MEATS,

### SUNRISE

### BUNGALOW,

### DINGESTOW,

### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

### 2nd PAUL NAYLOR

### 72 ST DAVIDS CRES,

### PENARTH.

### 3rd MIRANDA

### BOWEN, LAW

### HOUSE, IDOLE,

### CARMARTHEN.

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### the Vale Show:

### 1st Mark Whittles.

### 3t The David Synan

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### Challenge Cup:

### Winner Mark Whittles.

### Best Stall within the

### food court:

### 1st Delicia Teas.

### 2nd Eccentric Gin.

### 3rd Parnshipship.

### 4t Vale of

### Glamorgan Farmers

### Market - John

### Fordham Memorial

### Trophy: Winner Deb

### Ellis, Delicia Teas.

### Class 147 For the

### Best Clamp of Silage:

### 1st 1012 HD Hanks

### & Son, Ty Canol,

### Llantrithyd.

### 2nd 1008 R&L

### Anthony, Tythegston

### Farm, Bridgend.

### 3rd 1002 O Anstey &

### Sons, Ty Fry Farm,

### Pendoylan.

### THE MAJOR

### FRANK HOMFRAY

### PERPETUAL

### CHALLENGE CUP:

### Winner 1012 HD Hanks

### & Son.

### Class 148 For the

### Best Bag of Silage:

### 1st 1016 R&L

### Anthony, Tythegston

### Farm.

### 2nd 1014 TW Jarvis

### & Son, Gelli Goll,

### Llansannor.

### 3rd 1020 David

### Adams, Ty Uchaf Farm,

### Llantrithyd.

### FRED WILLIAMS

### MEMORIAL CUP:

### Winner 1016 R&L

### Anthony.

### Class 149 Long

### Term Ley - 3 or more

### seasons:

### 1st 1024 Edwards &

### Son, Pwllwyrach Farm,

### Colwinston.

### 2nd 1026 EH

### Radcliffe & Son,

### Penmark Place,

### Penmark.

### 3rd 1027 RS Thomas

### Sutton, Newydd Farm.

### 4th 1022 Lyndon

### Joseph, Mount Pleasant

### Farm, Stormy Down.

### George Gibson

### Perpetual Challenge

### Cup for best long term

### ley: Winner 1024 RD

### Edwards & Son.

### Class 150 Short

### term ley - 1 or 2

### seasons (to include

### Italian Rye Grass):

### 1st TW Jarvis & Son.

### 2nd 1029 Lyndon

### Joseph.

### 3rd 1034 VJ Thomas

### & Son, Pancross Farm,

### & Son, Ty Canol,

### Llantrithyd.

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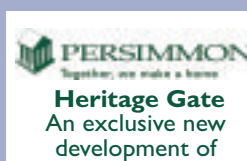
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## Family Notices

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Peacefully on 6th August, David, well known of Barry. Beloved husband to Jean, loved and respected dad of Stephen and Martyn. Much loved father-in-law to Vicky and Jude, bumps to Rhys and wife Deanna, Tara, Rory and Kyle. David will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 3rd September at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hapus day care and Ty Hafan in memory of David.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

**LEWIS**  
**Lyndis**

The family would like to announce the sad and sudden death on Friday, 17th August 2018 of Sylvia Lyndis Lewis (Lyndis) of Woodlands Close, Westgate, Cowbridge from a stroke. She leaves her husband Ceredig, daughter Amanda, son Justin and daughter-in-law Pippa. Lyndis will be sorely missed by many family members and friends.

The funeral service will take place at Ramoth Chapel, Cowbridge on Friday, 24th August 2018 at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations, should you wish, to Arthritis Research or the Stroke Foundation c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Tel No. 01656 650831

**HARRIS**  
**Robert Clive**

Peacefully on 12th August at the University Hospital of Wales, Robert, well known of Cadoxton and for his keen love of fishing. Much loved brother of Adrian, special brother-in-law to Julie. A loving cousin of Phil, Karen, Margaret and families.

Robert is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Cadocs, Old Village Church, Cadoxton on Thursday, 30th August at 11am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to The Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG in memory of Robert.

The family wish to thank all staff of College Fields Nursing Home and ward A2 North at UHW for their exceptional care and support shown to Robert.

## Acknowledgement

**PREW****Marion (formerly Black)**

Linda and Roy Donovan and family would like to thank family and friends for their support and donations in lieu of flowers at mum's passing.

Also, they would like to thank Golau Careidig for the friendly care she received and a special thanks to Lyndsay and his team for the professional help in arranging mum's farewell.

## Public Notices

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Signed: **Vivienne Cafaro**  
Date: 14/08/2018

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**SAGE****John Albert**

18-7-1947 – 16-8-2018

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At the family request please wear something red.

**SCHRADER****Constance Patricia (Connie)**

(of Llanmaes, formerly of St Johns Close, Cowbridge. 94 years young)

It is with great sadness, is announced the unexpected but peaceful passing on Wednesday, 15th August 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Dear mother to Annie, widow of Bill, nanny to Daniel and Marie, great nanny to Scarlet and Gunner. Beloved sister, sister-in-law, auntie and friend to many. Loved by her extended family.

Funeral to be held on Thursday, 30th August, 12 noon at St Cattwgs Church, Llanmaes, followed by a private burial.

Special thanks to the ambulance crew who attended on Monday, 13th August, doctors and nurses in A and E and doctors and staff on Ward 7 for their support and makings mum's passing so pain-free and peaceful. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o W. James & Sons, The Chapel of Rest, Fommon, CF62 3BJ or at St Cattwgs Church on the day. Please wear splash of colour.

**MOTTON****Elizabeth Teresa**

Sadly but peacefully on 12th August at Springbank Nursing Home after a long illness, Betty finally closed her eyes. Dearly loved wife of the late Rhys, mum to the late Ron James, dearest nan to Peter and Thomas and a great grandma to Bo, Lydia and Tilda. Loving sister to Dennis and Howard.

Betty will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Friday, 7th September at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Parkinson's UK in memory of Betty.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Hartery. Further enquiries telephone 01446 407962.

**NUNN****Sylvia (née Crompton)**

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Funeral service to be held on Thursday, 30th August 2018 at St. Peter's Church, Dinas Powys at 1pm, followed by interment at St. Andrew's Major Cemetery at 2pm.

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**CHADWICK****Lyn (Chad)**

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Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Tuesday, 28th August at 11am. No flowers please.

**QUICK**  
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**REYNOLDS****Carol Florence**

Suddenly on 14th August at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Carol Florence, aged 75 years, of Cadoc Crescent, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Vincent Weston. A loved mother of Deborah, Mark, Karen, Anthony and Samantha. Carol will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 29th August. Service in the chapel at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**CLOSE**  
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## September Skies...

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There are at least four different arms. Our galaxy is a type officially called a barred spiral, and is around 100,000 light-years across. We believe there is a massive black hole in its centre and it contains something like 100-400 billion stars. Our galaxy is just one of a group, known as the local group.

If you find it hard to imagine the galaxy, I can think of no better description than one given by the late, great Sir Patrick Moore. He suggested that, if we could look from the outside of our galaxy, it would look like two fried eggs back to back.

Cygnus the Swan is now right overhead marked by the bright star Deneb but the constellation looks more like a cross than a Swan. The other two members of the 'summer' triangle - Vega in the constellation of Lyra - and Altair the Eagle, are also well placed for viewing.

Very low down on the southern horizon, the planet Mars can be seen and its red colour should be enough for you to spot it. The Moon will also lie close to Mars on the 19th and 20th.

We also welcome a visitor, Comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner. Discovered in 1900, it takes between six and seven years to orbit the Sun once. We call these 'short period comets'. In fact, any comet that takes less than about 200 years to orbit the Sun are known as short period.

Comets that take longer are known as 'long period comets'. To locate it (as it is not expected to reach naked eye brightness), try one of these ways.

Find Deneb and, using binoculars, follow the Milky Way down between the east and north horizons. You should see a naked eye star, Capella marking the constellation of Auriga.

On the third of the month the comet will be very close to this star. It should appear as a fuzzy blob, just like an out-of-focus star. Or try looking with the naked eye between the two horizons for the brightest star you can see - which should be Capella.

Alternatively, come to one of our observing sessions and we will do our best to show it to you.

It is often said that the constellations look nothing like the names assigned to them and this is true! One that 'bucks the trend', however, is Delphinus, the Dolphin. To locate it look below Cygnus and find Altair in the Eagle; now let your eyes focus to the left of this bright star.

The area is not so hot in having bright stars around, but the shape of a dolphin standing on its tail, side on with the head facing left can be seen clearly towards the east horizon. With a little practice and plenty of imagination, this dolphin will soon be performing tricks for you...

Jupiter can be located in evening twilight. On September 14 the crescent Moon will be to the left of this giant planet. The next evening the Moon will be above the bright star Antares, while on the 17th the Moon will appear close to another giant planet, Saturn.

But don't just use the Moon as a guide to other celestial objects, any optical aid will show a wealth of detail on its surface. More craters than you can shake a stick at.

If you would like a guided tour of what can be seen on a clear night, check out our website for details of when we hold observing sessions. We will be happy to show you around: [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com)

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**Barry Astronomical Society**

## Cream tea for Cancer Research

**ON August 16 groups of smartly dressed ladies and a couple of gentlemen gathered at All Saints' Church in Penarth to support Cancer Research UK's afternoon tea party.**

When they arrived they were given a fun quiz to puzzle over as well as having the chance to buy home-made jams and marmalades. There was a lucky dip parcel stall which was very popular and also a raffle.

The ladies then enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea of home-made sandwiches and cakes followed by scones with jam and clotted cream. Teas and coffees were served by members of the local committee for Cancer Research UK who had organised the event.

The committee would like to thank All Saints' Church for the use of the gallery space and appreciate the donations



made by several people unable to attend the event. A total of £620 was raised which will help finance research and drug trials being carried out in Wales.

The committee are now busy planning the next event which is to be Coffee, Craft & Christmas. This will take place in the Paget Rooms, Penarth on Saturday, November 24 from 2pm until 3.45pm. **ER**

## Vale MP's eye-opener



Andrea Gordon with guide dog Kayley, Alun Cairns MP and Cathryn George.

**A BLINDFOLD walk proved an eye-opening experience for Vale MP Alun Cairns recently.**

The MP accepted a challenge by Guide Dogs Cymru to cover his eyes and walk around Plas Eysyllt in Dinas Powys with the help of a cane and a sighted guide.

He encountered cars parked on pavements, wing mirrors, greenery and other hazards which can make life difficult for blind and partially sighted pedestrians.

The event was held in support of Guide Dogs' campaign for a law to prevent dangerous pavement parking. Guide Dogs' mobility expert Cathryn George was on hand to ensure the MP's safety.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Cairns said: "My thanks to Andrea for teaching me the experience she feels every day with cars parked on pavements. It's important to keep your car on the road and be considerate at all times of someone who does not have the benefit of sight. Together, we can make it far easier for Andrea and so many others."

## A net washed up at Aberthaw

**VOLUNTEER Beach Clean carried out a clean at Aberthaw beach on Saturday, August 18.**

On Saturday among the items they removed was a large net.

Organiser Trevor McGarrigle said: "The net was from a commercial fishing boat and had washed up onto the beach. I'd like to thank everyone who helped clean Aberthaw beach. "We are proud of you all."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Walston Castle's charity festival

**THE third annual ale festival for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital takes place at the Walston Castle, Wenvoe on Saturday, September 1.**

There will be live music, traditional pub games and lots of activities for children. Tickets (£6) available at the Walston Castle.

### Help Wick celebrate a 50th anniversary!

**WICK Horticultural Society will celebrate its 50th annual open Vegetable and Flower Show on Saturday, September 1 at Wick and Monkash village hall.**

As well as vegetables and flowers there are sections for fruit, home baking, preserves and children's crafts. All entries are welcome between 9am and 11.45am at the hall - show schedules are available at Wick shop.

The show opens at 2pm and admission is £1 (including tea and biscuits). There will also be a special guest appearance by Terry Walton, author and regular on BBC Radio 2s *Jeremy Vine Show*, who will be taking questions from the audience.

For all the latest news from your area - [glamorgan-gem.co.uk](http://glamorgan-gem.co.uk)



# Llantwit Major fishing open is a huge success



**THE gods were looking down on the Llantwit Major charity fishing open in aid of Parkinson's UK and the Jacob A b r a h a m Foundation.**

The weather leading up to the event was not good, but on the day things changed. The wind dropped to a gentle southerly breeze and the fish came on to feed big time.

Ninety-six anglers took part in the event including four juniors, and a massive total of 506 kilos (1113 pounds) of fish were caught, the main species being smooth hounds.

A total of £1,425 was raised, split 50/50 between the two charities. Event organisers Sally Owen and Mark Cowell would like to thank all the sponsors for their kind donations which made this event a great success.

First was ex-world champion Joe Arch with a massive 36.13 kilos, which consisted of nine smooth hounds. Joe was fishing straight in front of the beach car park.

He won £250 donated by Holyhead-based angler Ben Price, who owns his own company BDP Heating and Plumbing.

Joe also picked up the heaviest smooth hound pool of £85 plus the smooth hound festival cup.

A close second was Barry angler and tackle shop assistant at Holton Road Angling Centre, Dan Crump. He weighted in 35.24 kilos consisting of 10 smooth hounds.

Dan was fishing at



*The junior fishers.*

Boverton and won £150 jointly donated by Chris Read, Sally Owen and Gareth Davies.

In third place was managing director of Treforest Tiling Ltd, Richard Potts from Tylorstown. He was also fishing at Boverton and weighted in 33.34 kilos consisting of 10 smooth hounds.

Richard won £100 donated by Maria Hughes owner of the Llantwit Major beach cafe.

Fourth place with 30.64 kilos consisting of eight smooth hounds, a bull huss and three conger eels was the current Garry Evans Seamaster champion and 2018 points leader Rory Jenkins from Tonyrefail.

He was fishing at St Donats and won £50 donated by Chris Davies Estate agents.

Fifth place was Chris Equall from Cardiff with 28.09 kilos consisting of seven smooth hounds. He won £50 donated by



*First prize winner Joe Arch.*

Chris Garner.

Sixth was Roy Tapper from Cardiff with 25.25 kilos consisting of eight smooth hounds and a cover eel. He won £30 donated by local barber Ben Davies.

Bottom-weight in the top 20 was 10 kilos which normally would be enough to win a match. The best rockling pool was won by Iann Jones with a fish of 0.18 kilos: he won £85.

In the pairs section of

the match: first were South Wales Match Men team members Roy Tapper and Dan Crump with a total weight of 60.49 kilos.

They picked up the pairs trophy and £80 pool.

Second were Team Sakuma members Rory and Chris Jenkins (not related) with a total weight of 50.90 kilos. They won £40 pool money.

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# Superb performance by rampant Phoenix

**NOT even the most optimistic Pencoed Phoenix supporter could have predicted the eventual scoreline in this pre-season friendly match played over four 20-minute quarters against Ynysddu.**

This thinking was based on recent meetings between the clubs and the fairly even opening quarter.

A typical Leanne Burnell solo effort opened the match scoring, the outside-half breaking clear from the halfway line to score at the posts before adding the conversion.

That was how matters stayed during the opening period with the big visitors' pack testing the home defensive resolve, with Phoenix debutant Emily Hughes prominent in the tackle area.

Territorially play was

to and fro in the second quarter but the more expansive game of the home side was starting to come to the fore, and two counter-attacking tries were added through Amy Stevens and Amy Morgan, with Lynsey Morgan adding one conversion for a 19-0 lead at this juncture.

From the start of the third quarter Phoenix really began to assert themselves and tries began to flow.

A 60-metre run from Natalie O'Shea saw back row forward Amy Morgan in support to cross under the posts, Burnell converting.

Then Hannah Seward made a try out of nothing, chasing a long kick ahead to catch the opposition full back in possession and Stevens gratefully accepted the resultant loose pass to score; Morgan converted.

The versatile O'Shea, now having changed positions from hooker

to the threequarter line, split the visitors' midfield to score under the posts, which Morgan converted.

Seward then got the seventh try, timing her run from a deep position to race over at the sticks before adding the conversion.

Burnell's dancing feet set up the next, breaking clear and once again the support play of Amy Morgan was rewarded with her try hat-trick.

Phoenix were to finish the match with a flourish, scoring three tries in quick succession; firstly Burnell outpacing her pursuers on the outside from 50 metres-plus to score, then skipper Stevens got her try hat-trick following a quick trap penalty, before Laura Keeble, much to her obvious delight, got the final try followed by an impressive cartwheel celebration.

Burnell added two conversions to make the final score 71-0.

In the Ynysddu side, which deserved to get

on the scoreboard at the very least, second row Lorna Compton was chosen as best forward with Sammy Jones as best back.

For Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell was chosen best back with back row forward Amy Morgan best forward.

Outside of the Phoenix try scorers there were also good performances from Emily Hughes and Rachel Jones up front, and Laura Workman at centre.

Relatively new match official Matthew Davies was also deserving of a mention with a most accomplished display.

Phoenix under-18s made it a double on the day with an especially pleasing win over the bridge at Bristol.

Tries came from Jade Thomas (2), Liv Evans, Kerin Smith, Cathryn Stacey, Ellie Buffey and Evie Evans, who also added a conversion.

A spokesperson for the side commented this was a good all-round team performance.

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## Air rifle club targets new members

**THE Ewenny Air Rifle Club held its AGM at the Sarn Club on August 6.**

Twelve members were present and the chairman, Basil George opened the meeting by asking all present to stand for a moment in remembrance of John Hemmings, who died in early summer.

John had been a longstanding member and a regular attendee at the club and had shot three league matches during this season before being taken ill.

The chairman reported that during the 2017/18 season neither the Eagles nor the Hawks team did very well.

The Hawks took both the wooden spoon and wooden fork awards in league matches. However, two individual members of the Ewenny Club were rated in the top 10 in the Jim Perring averages: Ian Thomas of the Hawks and Emily Davies of the Eagles.

Also worthy of mention was Kirsty Cambourne of the Hawks who shot all 10 matches with an average of 33.27 out of 35.70.

The outstanding shooter was Nathaniel Monk of Fforddygfraith Club on 35.21. It was suggested that the Ewenny Club put in for a transfer fee!

In the Western Mail Shield Mike Morrisson and Allan Thomas of the Eagles were runners-up.

The number of team members for the coming season are: 11 in the Eagles and 10 in the Hawks. The club overall is looking for new members to join. The treasurer, Bryn Richards, submitted his report

which showed that expenditure this year had risen from previous years. A proposal was put forward that members should in future supply their own ammunition, which in previous years was covered by club funds. The proposal was carried by all present.

Membership of the Ewenny Club will remain at £50 per year with junior membership at £25. Practice nights will be free of charge. However, donations into the pot provided would be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

The treasurer was thanked for his continued dedication to looking after the club's finances.

The following officers were elected: President - Alun Jenkins JP, Ewenny Pottery; Chairman - Basil George, Ogmog Village; Secretary - Terry Hughes, Cornstown; Treasurer - Bryn Richards, Bridgend; Captains - Hawks: Ian Thomas and Eagles: Bryn Richards; Safety Officers - Allan Thomas, Mike Hughes and Bryn Richards.

The chairman closed the meeting by thanking all for attending and wishing both teams a successful forthcoming season.

He also thanked the management of the Sarn club for their support during the season.

Anyone wishing to join the club or seeking further information should contact the chairman, Basil George, on 01656 654440 any evening after 5pm.

Basil George [glamorgangem.co.uk](mailto:glamorgangem.co.uk) for details of the Air Rifle League winners for 2017/18.

## Medal joy for Olympians



*Boccia squad.*



*ABOVE LEFT: Naomi Baelz and ABOVE RIGHT: James Savory.*

**SPECIAL Olympics Wales recently sent 32 members to the Special Olympics 40th anniversary Games in Stirling, Scotland.**

Teams attended from across the UK and there were invited teams from Isle of Man, Denmark, Germany and Macau.

The Welsh team had eight athletes from the Vale competing in four sports.

They achieved the following results: James Savory (Barry) badminton, bronze in singles and gold men's doubles (partnered by Stephen Davies from Wrexham); Heather Williams (Barry) boccia, fifth place in singles and sixth place in doubles (partnered by Sonja Pedersen from Cardiff), the pair both training at

Boccia Rollers in Barry: Naomi Baelz (St Athan) bowls, gold in singles and gold in pairs (partnered by Shaun Peregrine from Ammanford).

In the 18 hole golf competition, Sam Lazenbury (Barry) won a bronze medal and in the nine hole competition Matthew Prewett (Penarth) won gold, Gareth Lloyd (Barry) won bronze medal, Mark Eveleigh (Barry) also won bronze (Llantwit Major) finished in fifth place.

A great group of athletes and coaches who are ambassadors for Barry and the Vale.

For more information, contact Jeff Savory at [specialolympicswales@gmail.com](mailto:specialolympicswales@gmail.com) or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

## Bridge results

**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 20:**

1st Mike Pownell & Tony Disley 64.49%, 2nd Mia Deschepper & David Birt 59.58%, 3rd Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 58.41%.

LE



## Touring side take on Cowbridge XI

THE saying that 'Cricket can sometimes be a funny game' was true last Monday when Cowbridge Cricket Club played host to Uptonery.

This village team, who play in the second division of the Devonshire league, started a four-day tour of south Wales, also playing Barry Wanderers, Barry West End and Pentrych.

The team had a close relationship with the staff cricket team of Cowbridge School and Glan Williams has kept the association going with his Barry West End side.

Cowbridge fielded a team of veterans, regular members and youth and invited the visitors to bat first.

Opening bat M Button-Stevens carried his bat for the full 40 overs unbeaten on 81 in a score of 202 for 7. He was ably supported by two brothers, AN Pulman (24) and R Pulman (42).

Young Wil Harris and Tom Wood both had figures of 1 for 33 while the best of the bowlers were Sam Russell (3 for 40) and John Gilbert (2 for 22).

In reply Cowbridge were always on top thanks to Alistair Lawson (25) and Jack Cropper (72) who put on an opening stand of 83.

Jack then had stands with Naveed Younis (47) and Andrew Walker (19) before he gave his wicket away for others to bat.

The score then was 170 for 2 with 32 runs needed off the last eight overs.

This was when the

## Nathaniel Cars partner Cardiff City

NATHANIEL Cars has partnered with Cardiff City FC to become sponsor of the Bluebirds' award-winning family stand.

Nathaniel Cars is a family business which was established over 35 years ago.

Based in Bridgend with a Nathaniel MG showroom in St David's, Cardiff, Nathaniel Cars has been a grassroots supporter of Welsh sport for many years with links to the FAW and multiple local football clubs.

The partnership with Nathaniel Cars will involve community engagement and activation across south Wales, including player

visits and match day competitions.

In support of the partnership's launch, Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Greg Cunningham were in Cardiff Bay's Mermaid Quay on Tuesday afternoon to greet fans and give them the opportunity of winning a number of Cardiff City prizes, including season tickets and signed memorabilia.

Wayne Griffiths, managing director of Nathaniel Cars said of the partnership: "I have been a lifelong football supporter and I'm proud to have supported the Bluebirds for over 20 years. This is a fantastic club to be associated with and we are pleased to have committed to a long-term partnership."

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twist in fortune came about.

Wickets fell quickly, in fact five, and as the scoring rate was increased, panic set in and Cowbridge failed to cross the line at 195 for 8, losing by five runs.

However, it was a game enjoyed by both teams, with the hosts' best wishes extended to the visitors over their next three games.

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## Captain's family entertain Farmers!



Captain Keith James with Clive Edwards, Glyn Watts-Jones and guest Gino Cocco.

THE Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society held its annual Captain's Day competition last Thursday at Southerndown Golf Club with a large attendance of society members there to support popular captain Keith James.

Following his amazing achievement at the recently held Glyn Owr Agricultural show where he won first prize in both the supreme butcher's lambs competition and for his display of tomatoes, retired master butcher Keith was in buoyant mood as he welcomed members on arrival.

It was particularly pleasing to see the four members of the 80-plus club competing with Aubrey Thomas, Aubrey Bowen, Glyn Watts-Jones and John Davies all there attempting to win one of the many excellent prizes supplied by captain Keith and also Gino Cocco, who attended the evening's presentation ceremony.

When all cards had been returned to checkers Tosh Taylor and David Williams it was not surprising to see those at the top of the leader board were Southerndown-based members obviously benefiting from their experience of playing on their home course.

Heading the leaderboard to collect a hamper full of goodies was Clive Edwards whose birdie on the 370 yards, 17th hole proved vital.

Finishing with 33 stableford points and 16 on the back nine allowed Clive to finish just ahead of Glyn Watts-Jones, who also finished with 33 points but just 14 on the back nine.

In third place with 32 points was John Caines who 24 hours earlier tasted success when winning the captain's day competition at Cottrell Park.

Dan Jarvis hit the longest drive down the 18th hole to win the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored prize and Glyn Watts-Jones made a return visit to the winner's enclosure to collect the Picketston Poultry-sponsored prize when correctly guessing 64 balls would end up in the thick gorse. This raised £64 for the Stroke Association Charity.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan (Cowbridge) sponsored par-3 holes were John Davies, Tosh Taylor, John Caines and Neil McLean. Mention must be made of the mouthwatering home made cakes and other refreshments available at the halfway house, splendidly hosted by the captain's family of wife Christine, and daughters Mrs Lisa Thomas and Ms Nerys Davies, which was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 when members will be competing for the Anthony Brown & Co Cup at Cardiff Golf Club.

TMCC

## Vale seconds' promotion hopes take a knock

VALE Cricket Club second XI travelled to cold, blustery, rain-threatened Sully looking to secure promotion against their top of the league rivals.

At the coin toss, Sully elected to bat first and set a total for Vale to chase. Sully started well with opening pair Russell Thomas and Thomas Davies putting on 71 runs for the first wicket with some lusty boundary shots.

Daniel Chaulk added 14 and batsman number four Nicholas Jones added a well-hit 29. Sully were scoring at a fair pace but that halted when first and second change bowlers Gethin Merry and Tom Lazarus came on to bowl.

Lazarus, in particular, bowled economically, restricting Sully's run rate. Although wicketless, Lazarus bowled his eight overs for a measly 18 runs to halt the Sully momentum.

Opener Davies eventually fell for 63, the wicket taken by the impressive spinner Arron Davies. Davies was to pick up a further two wickets, finishing with figures 3 for 17.

Davies was ably supported by left arm spinner Glyndwr Jones, and both bowlers bowled economically, picking up a wicket within the last 10 overs of the Sully innings and helping to restrict Sully to 165 for 8 in their innings.

At the break, Vale were confident that 165 was a very achievable score to chase down, considering that Vale have secured maximum batting points every time they have batted this season.

The opening pair, Matthew Thomas and Gethin Merry, began to chase down 165 in watchful manner. The impressive Nathan Cuddihy kept

the bowling tight for Sully and made the breakthrough, removing Thomas caught at first slip for 19.

After that, wickets began to tumble at regular intervals with Nicholas Jones and Daniel Chaulk removing the Vale middle order mostly for single figures.

The opening stand turned out to be the highest of the Vale innings. Opening batsman Merry continued to bat while wickets fell around him until he was eventually out for 41.

Some hard hitting down the lower order from Greg Andrews (21) and strike rotator Aaron Davies (16 not out) added much needed runs to the innings but 165 proved to be too big a total for Vale to chase down.

In a frustrating day, Vale only needed one extra sizeable partnership throughout the innings to comfortably chase down 165, but it wasn't to be.

The Vale skipper, however, took heart in the performance as at one stage Sully looked as if they were going to set a mammoth total. However, persistence in the field, good catching and accurate full bowling swung the momentum towards Vale during Sully's innings.

Young players Gethin Merry and Arron Davies with bat and ball had an impressive day, along with Idris Merry and Tom Lazarus, who both bowled well.

This result will not deter from what has been an impressive season from the Vale second XI with Vale remaining top of the league, even after this result.

A win next week against visiting Ebbw Vale should wrap up the promotion push.

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## Cowbridge Bowls Club news round-up

THE men played four matches last week.

Two of them were against Bridgend Private in the Triples Evening League, the first of them, at home in a game rearranged from early season.

The clubs had not met in competition for a number of years so it was a new experience for both teams.

It was not comfortable for the visitors with Cowbridge winning well on all four rinks.

Rink scores: Owen Hopkins, Colin Wilson and Steve Close won 28-16; Mike Fahey, Clive Pritchard and Roger Barwick won 17-14; John Hunt, Brian Williams and Alan Wallace won 25-13; John Jones, Bryan Hole and Andrew Morgan won 34-7. Match score: Cowbridge 104, Bridgend Private 50.

On Friday came the return match at Bridgend. Cowbridge won well on two rinks skipped respectively by Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson, earning four points.

Captain Bob Penn's rink lost by just one shot but we suffered a big loss on the fourth rink which provided Bridgend Private with a win

overall. Match score: Cowbridge 47, Bridgend Private 63.

Sandwiched between these games were two midweek games, one for the men and the other for the ladies.

In their last Munro Cup game of the season the men entertained Sully. It was close on three rinks but there was a significant win for Cowbridge on the fourth rink.

Rink scores: Steve Dodsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson lost 9-12; Ron Dobie, John Jones, Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace won 20-16; Tony Lewis, Arwyn Rees, Steve Close and Dennis Snelling won 17-13; Mansel Davey, Mike Fahey, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn won 26-6. Match score: Cowbridge 72, Sully 47.

In their only game of the week the ladies were away in a Thursday League game to Pencoe.

Although the rink of Sylvia Hole, Pat Holdsworth, Elaine Dobie and Shirley Wilkinson had a close game, losing by just two shots, there were big losses on the other rinks. Match score: Cowbridge 38, Pencoe 76.

On Saturday the men were away in Barry for

their League game against Barry Romilly A.

Cowbridge were well beaten on two rinks and overall. Roger Barwick's rink were in a tight game -10-14 down on the 10th end and 17-17 on the 19th end; on the last end they were one shot up but gave away two to lose by one shot.

Norman Wilkinson's rink took the lead and never lost it, running out winners by four shots.

Rink score: Ron Dobie, John Trott, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 18-14; Alan Jordan, John Collin, Clive Pritchard and Roger Barwick 18-19; Ken Payne, Terry Foley, Steve Close and Dennis Snelling 8-28; Mansel Davey, John Wathes, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 16-25. Match score: Cowbridge 60, Barry Romilly A 86.

A few years ago the men were playing two games per week and struggled, at times, to get full teams.

Last week four matches were played and 26 players used; in addition there were reserves for all games.

This coming Saturday the men play their last home league game of the season when they welcome Beddau to Cowbridge.

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## Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Football League returned this past weekend and hit the ground running.**

Reigning champions Barry Athletic opened their title defence with a 2-0 over last season's runners-up and Barry Cup winners St Athan, Colburn and Oaten netting for Athletic as they set down an opening day marker.

Cowbridge Town survived a late Penarth Town fight back to win a nine goal thriller 5-4 after being 5-1 up. Island Marine opened their 25th anniversary season with a narrow 1-0 victory over Premier Division new boys Barry Saints.

Sully Sports, finally promoted to the Premier Division after a SWFA rule change, were edged out by Rhosneigr 1-0.

In Division One,

Cardiff Airport got off to a flyer as they thumped Cwm Talwg 4-0. Cogan Coronation came away with a 3-1 victory away to SP Billy while Tynewydd and Cadoxton Barry played out a thrilling 4-4 draw.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Imps look like the early favourites as they routed Barry Athletic 6-0. Vale Madrid also made a dream start to the season as they demolished an under-strength Barry Albion 9-0.

St Athan B edged out Island Marine B 2-1 in a combative affair, while Rhosneigr B defeated Barry Vikings with a comprehensive 3-0 win. Finally Cadoxton Athletic came away from Cwrt Y Vil with a 3-1 win over Penarth Town B.

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## On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**ERIC The Third, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthaw and ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, was a 4-1 winner at Newton Abbot last week.**

However, Johns was not the only Welshman to ride a winner there that day.

Earlier in the afternoon, Loran Williams who hails from west Wales where John is also from was successful on *Mister Fizz* and James Davies, son of Grand National-winning jockey Hywel Davies, won on 6-1 chance *Billy My Boy*.

Meanwhile at Worcester the Bowen brothers from Pembrokeshire – Sean and James – also had plenty to smile about.

Sean won the opener on his father Peter Bowen's *Hilary View* and James, riding for top trainer Nicky Henderson, won on *Laughing Luis*.

Adam Wedge, stable jockey to Llanfarcavan's Evan Williams, won on Miss EC Lavelle's *Majestic Moll* which beat the favourite Mr Caffrey.

**FLINT STRIKES AT CHEPSTOW**  
BRIDGEND trainer

John Flint landed the Dribuild Group Handicap over six furlongs at last Saturday's Chepstow evening fixture.

Five-year-old *Field of Vision*, who was partnered by Nicola Currie, and a runner-up in its previous two starts, scored by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted *Somewhere Secret* and was returned at odds of 9-2 in a field of seven runners.

Bargoed-born David Probert, who always likes to have a winner before a Welsh crowd, landed the Best Odds Guaranteed At 188Bet Handicap on *Fantasy Justifier* for Chepstow trainer Ron Harris.

**DAI'S MARKET RASEN WINNER**

**EBBW Vale's evergreen Dai Burchell took the opening Listers' Hands & Heels Selling Hurdle for conditional and amateur riders at Market Rasen last Saturday with his nine-year-old King Alfonso, which won by a length and a half from Tiger Trek.**

King Alfonso, which went off the 11-4 favourite, was ridden by Jordan Nailor.

## Barrivale Bridge

**RESULTS for Barrivale Bridge Club session on August 14:**

1. Peter Millar and Mick Green 71.88 per cent; 2nd Simon and Debbie Richards 57.99; 3rd Mike Close and Mike Best 57.64. The handicap winners were Allan Rees and Pat Kirby.

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## When point-to-point came to the Vale...

**MY long out of print book 'The Races Came Off - The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales', tells how point-to-point racing first came to the Vale.**

An extract from the South Wales Daily News dated March 7, 1890 read: 'The programme for the Cardiff races has just been issued. It contains a list of 12 races, six each day. They

are the usual type and call for no comment. Moreover, the interest in them locally is now eclipsed by the point-to-point race which is fixed for March 19.'

The Cardiff races referred to were the two-day programme at Ely Racecourse where horse racing had been taken place since 1855. However, the point-to-point race referred to – in fact there were two races – were for maiden hunters, the property of subscribers to the Glamorgan and Lord

Tredegar Hounds.

The first was for horses not exceeding 15.2 hh, the minimum weight being 11st, 7lb. In the second race the riders weighed out at 13st.

The races were held on a Wednesday afternoon, and the competitors weighed out in the outbuildings of Mr Ralph Thurston Bassett's Farm at Crossways, near Cowbridge.

Mr Bassett, who held the mastership of the Glamorgan Hounds, was a popular sportsman and was solely responsible for the existence of the Cowbridge Hunt Races.

The course for these point-to-point races is said to have commenced at a point between Llandow and Stenbridge. Crossing the Clemenston brook, it took a direction northward, and turning the right and leaving Hilton Farm on the left, it was almost a straight line over the Pinklands,

finishing at the Corrwgs. The course, which was mostly grass, was a stiff one and the distance was about four miles.

Victory in the first event went to Mr H Watson's *Sniton* which a month later landed a selling hunter's steeplechase at Cowbridge Races.

There were 12 starters for the second race – there had been 14 in the first – which was won by Captain Morgan Lindsay's *Brunette*.

Mr Herbert Sarsfield Watson, the son of Mr Jonas Watson, a well-known Cardiff business man, was a popular rider at local meetings and on a few occasions won the Glamorgan Hunt Cup at Cowbridge Steeplechases.

This race, incidentally, was also for horses which had been hunted with either the Glamorgan or Tredegar pack of hounds.

One person who remembered Captain

Morgan Lindsay was Mr WJ Hearden, who was his stable lad from 1919 until 1927. It was Colonel Lindsay by then and Mr Hearden recalled: "He was a real Christian and devout churchman and one of nature's rare gentlemen. He served in the South African war and the 1914-18 war, in which he sadly lost three sons, all I think, in the space of 12 months."

Col Lindsay trained many winners from his mountainside training ground at Ystrad Mynach and among those to ride for him were Fulke Walwyn, Evan Williams and Harry Llewellyn.

The South Wales Daily News reporter, Cosmos, did not seem entirely satisfied with the conditions of entry for these races. He wrote: "When the conditions

were framed, the limiting of the animals' height to 15.2 was done in order to give the smaller animals – of which there are so many in the hunt – a reasonable expectation of carrying off the trophy, but the intention failed, because weight was not allowed for inches, as it should have been."

He also went on to say: "The framing of these conditions did not allow a bona fide farmer to enter his horse in either of the races. Such a small courtesy would cost nothing and would cement many a friendship." Cosmos, it seems was not only an outspoken man, but a wise man too. *Next time: The Glamorgan Hunt hold their point-to-point races during the 'Hunt Week'.*

BRIAN LEE

## Busy weekend at golf club



President's Bowl winner Andrew Canning (pictured with president Colin Champ).

**THE busy schedule of club competitions continued over the weekend at Wenvoe Castle, and unusually some heavy rain showers were welcomed as the course certainly need some water to soften the baked fairways.**

There were two Board competitions on offer and both attracted large entries. First up on Saturday was the 75th Anniversary Cup, a stableford pairs competition for both ladies and gentlemen.

The winning pair were Gary Butt and Alun Wheatley who recorded an excellent score of 45 points. Runners-up were Craig Miller and Terry O'Grady with 44 points ahead of Glyn Jones and Terry Parsons on countback.

On Sunday the very popular President's Bowl was played as an individual stableford for both ladies and gentlemen, all keen to get their hands on this prestigious trophy.

The winner was Andrew Canning who posted a remarkable score of 43 points to be well ahead of the field and genuinely won't be too unhappy to see his



Runner-up Karen Ball.

handicap tumble by a couple of strokes.

The runner-up was Karen Ball who recorded the best ladies' score of with an excellent 38 points and squeezing out club captain Mike Chick by the narrowest of margins on countback.

Club president Colin Champ kindly provided each player with a well-received basket meal as part of the traditional post game refreshments and thanked all the members for supporting the competition.

He gave particular thanks to the green keeping staff for preparing the course in challenging weather conditions and the club staff for their excellent service throughout the day.

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## Promotion dream bites the dust for Porthcawl firsts

**PORHCRAWL'S promotion dream was extinguished by the rain in west Wales, as the crucial clash with Bronwydd at Cnwcy Deri was abandoned without a ball being bowled.**

With just one game to play, the Seasideers cannot now catch Landore and Margam who will both be playing their cricket in division two next season.

Both promoted clubs, who were due to play each other, also suffered an abandonment but will be relieved as Jack Tuck's side were hot on their heels after a superb run of form over the past few months.

It is ironic that after a summer of glorious sunshine, three of the Locks Lane side's last four matches have been blighted by bad weather, including the vital head-to-head with Margam in which Porthcawl were in a good position to take

the winning points.

It is two seasons of agony for home supporters after their side narrowly missed out on promotion on the final day of the season last term.

The Seasideers host league leaders Landore this week, in the final game of the campaign, and will be anxious to do the double over the Swansea side to end the season in a flourish.

**While the first team returned from Bronwydd disappointed, Porthcawl's second string were soundly beaten by promotion chasing Llandarcy at a very damp Locks Lane, losing out by 91 runs.**

The result means that, going into the final game, Porthcawl must win at undefeated, promoted, table toppers Llanwrda next week to have any chance of avoiding relegation.

Even a win may not be enough as local neighbours Maesteg Celtic, one of the other two teams in danger of the drop, need just nine points out of a possible 20 from their match at Mumbles to ensure safety.

Mumbles, who were well adrift at the bottom two months ago, have rallied well and just four points would ensure their safety.

While the rain was not as incessant in Porthcawl as it was further west, conditions were still unpleasant for bowlers and fielders alike when the visitors took first strike.

Dropped catches were the order of the day for the Porthcawl fielders and it proved pivotal to their demise.

The Llandarcy innings was built around a superb knock of 92 from Steve Moul, although he was twice spilled before he had reached double figures.

These errors proved costly as Moul capitalised handsomely, cracking 11 boundaries in what proved to be a match-winning innings.

Chris Harland was also given lives in his hard-hitting 44, which contained a six and five fours, but the rest of the batting struggled. Paul Maunder was the exception as he stroked a trio of rope-finders in his 24 while Andrew Everton added 15 and Chris Pickford 12.

First teamer Rob Jones, on second team duty due to an evening engagement, was the most productive bowler, his eight overs producing 2-31.

In their eight over stints, Marc Thompson took 1-32 and skipper Paul Mason 1-38. Jamie Rees' three overs yielded

1-12.

In reply, and in the face of some hostile Llandarcy bowling, Porthcawl were always struggling to maintain the chase, mainly because wickets tumbled at regular intervals.

The home innings was built around a magnificent knock of 51 from veteran all rounder Blair Driscoll who laced eight boundaries in a well-measured but aggressive knock.

While Driscoll had few issues, the other batsmen found the away attack too difficult to cope with. Gareth Cullen contributed 17, with one six, Jones made 12 and Steve Jenkins 11.

Former rugby star Paul Jones was left stranded on 11 not out when the final wicket fell.

For Llandarcy, Tommy Pickford was the most penetrative bowler, his 3-28 from 6.5 overs ending Porthcawl hopes.

Opening bowler Darren Haste bowled beautifully to take 2-21 from eight overs while Moul completed a successful afternoon taking 2-21 and Gareth Richards finished his seven over spell with 2-17.

*Porthcawl seconds 119 all out, Llandarcy 210-5.*

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Jonathon Stoker forces his way through. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

## Clash with the Titans sees Athletic emerge with win

**REDINGENSIAN Titans from Reading came to the Morganstone Brewery Field in confident mood undefeated since December 9, 2017 and having won 20 of their 22 English league fixtures last season.**

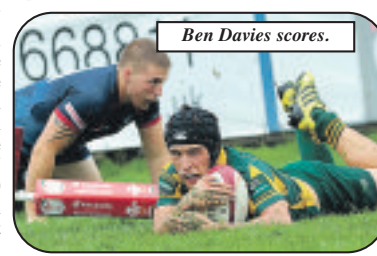
Bridgend Athletic played extremely well to defeat them by 20 points to 10 with a favourable three tries to two margin in an excellent preparation fixture for their forthcoming Division One East Central campaign.

The Athletic started strongly and early pressure led to a penalty goal converted by centre Sam Richards, back in action after a 10-month injury lay off and looking sharp.

Continued forward pressure with dominant scrummaging from the front row of props Wayne Fooks and Matthew Muir and hooker Nathan Holman kept the Athletic on the front foot.

They were rewarded when they kicked a penalty to set up a five-metre line out drive. A series of forward thrusts saw scrum half Aled Thomas cross for his second try of the season in successive games. Richards' conversion gave the Athletic a 10-0 advantage.

Both sides were willing to run with the



Ben Davies scores.



Lee Murphy sizes up the defence.

ball and a good move saw Redingensians cross in the corner to reduce the deficit.

Outside-half Josh Davies set the Athletic backs in motion and quick passing from Chris Price, Sam Richards and Robin Davies saw the ball reach wing Harry Griffiths to cross in the corner.

Davies and Price were forced off with groin and head injuries. The Titans reduced their deficit to 15-10 with a second corner try on the stroke of half-time.

Both sides were entertaining their supporters with their first thought to run rather than kick the ball, but the Athletic were generally in control territorially.

Their pressure told on the hour when flanker Ben Davies finished a sweeping move with a try in the corner to complete the scoring and put his side 20-10 ahead.

Richards hit the post with a penalty, but the

Titans managed to scramble the ball clear.

The Athletic completed the game with a raft of substitutes on the field; among them, last year's youth flanker Tom Davies was prominent in tight and loose winning good lineout possession.

Team manager Paul Hearn said the coaches were delighted with the Athletic performance and added strength in depth in certain key positions for the season ahead.

They urged all players to make maximum effort to attend the remaining four training sessions at Newbridge Fields to improve fitness and teamwork before the opening Division One East Central home fixture on September 1 against Dinas Powys at the Morganstone Brewery Field.

This coming Saturday, August 25, a mixed first and second XV will complete the pre-season away at Llantwit Major. AB

## Alex gets School Games 2018 call-up

**ALEX Griffiths from Bridgend has been selected to be part of the cricket squad at the 2018 School Games – a national multi-sport event for the UK's most talented school-age athletes taking place at Loughborough University from August 30 to September 2.**

Sixteen-year-old Griffiths, who is a student at Dyffryn Comprehensive and is a member of the Briton Ferry Steel Cricket Club, will compete for Team Sciver in the Cricket. She already has an impressive record of success, having recently played for Cricket Wales Women in Dubai and Sri Lanka.

Alex will be following in the footsteps of some of Britain's biggest sporting stars who have competed at the event before going on to senior international success. Previous competitors include Paralympic champions Hannah



Alex Griffiths.

Cockroft, Ellie Simmonds and Jonnie Peacock. Olympic champion Adam Peaty, heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson and sprinter Adam Gemili.

At the event Griffiths will experience the excitement of competing at the highest level. She will live in a dedicated Athletes' Village on the Loughborough University campus, take part in a school games ceremony and perform in front of huge crowds of spectators.

and Marian Evans.

August 16: first – Gary Williams and Pat Haworth; second – Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre, Thursdays from 6.45pm-9.45pm and Saturdays from 3pm-6pm; visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794. TH

## Bridgend Bridge Club news round-up

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

On Wednesday, August 15: First, Geoff Tinkler and John Henson; second, Norma and David Newman; third, John Beard and Liam Sheridan. The winners on handicap were Geoff Tinkler and John Henson.

On Thursday, August 16: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Margaret Roach and Steve Burgoyne; third, Chris Rawlings and Stewart Norton. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

On Friday, August 17: First, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; second, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play

is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of lessons for beginners will start on Monday,

September 3, at Noltan Church Hall from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

The lessons are fun and practical, with plenty of opportunities to have a go. Whether you have some basic knowledge of the game, having played in the past, or are a complete beginner, you will be most welcome.

For more information, please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at [steve@steveburgoyne.pl.us.com](mailto:steve@steveburgoyne.pl.us.com).

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## Ladies welcome Porth

**WITH the Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies busy playing their semi-final rounds of the club competitions this week, it was a nice break for us to welcome Porth to our green for our penultimate game in our league.**

Liz, Eryl, Marilyn and

Julie were unable to stop Porth going into the lead from the start and although managing to win seven of the 18 ends lost the game.

Joan, Pat, Etta and Gill did not get into the game, also losing. Dilys, Barbara, Helen and Carol, although picking up a five on the fifth end, let Porth slowly catch up and were down by the 10th end.

With the score level on the 14th end 14-14, and 17-17 on the 17th end, it was a battle to the end, and with Llantwit Major ladies scoring two it was a win on one rink for them.

An enjoyable tea followed with Porth expressing their pleasure at playing on such an excellent green and such a pleasant location. CW